

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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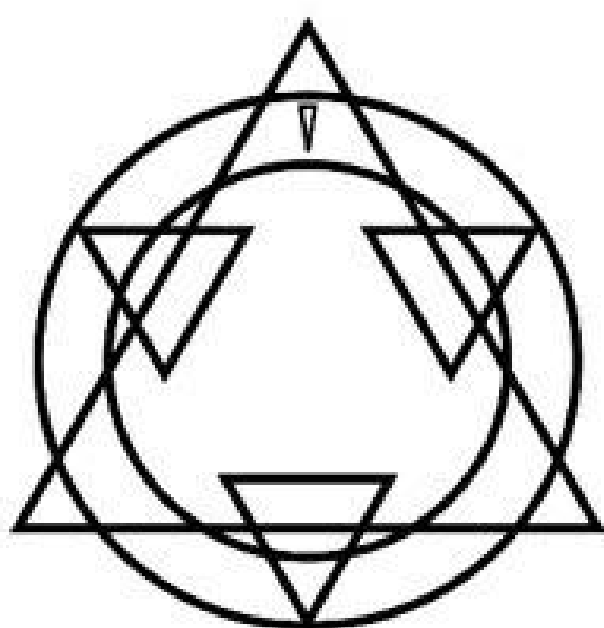
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My niece and nephew call me “stupid” so often that one day I just had to reply, “I am stupid, and that’s why I don’t have a real job and spend all my time drawing manga.” To which they immediately responded, “You’re right!”

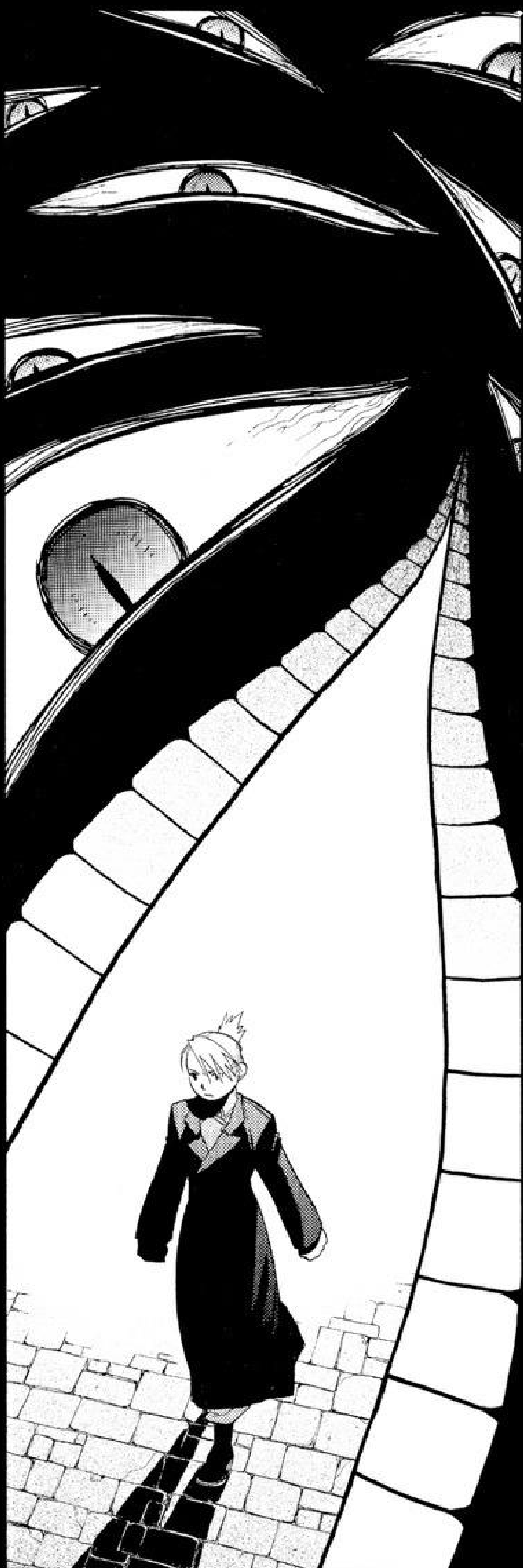
—*Hiromu Arakawa, 2008*



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix’s monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



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ALCHEMIST



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荒川弘

HIROMU ARAKAWA



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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



□ ウィンリー・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ リザ・ホークアイ

Riza Hawkeye



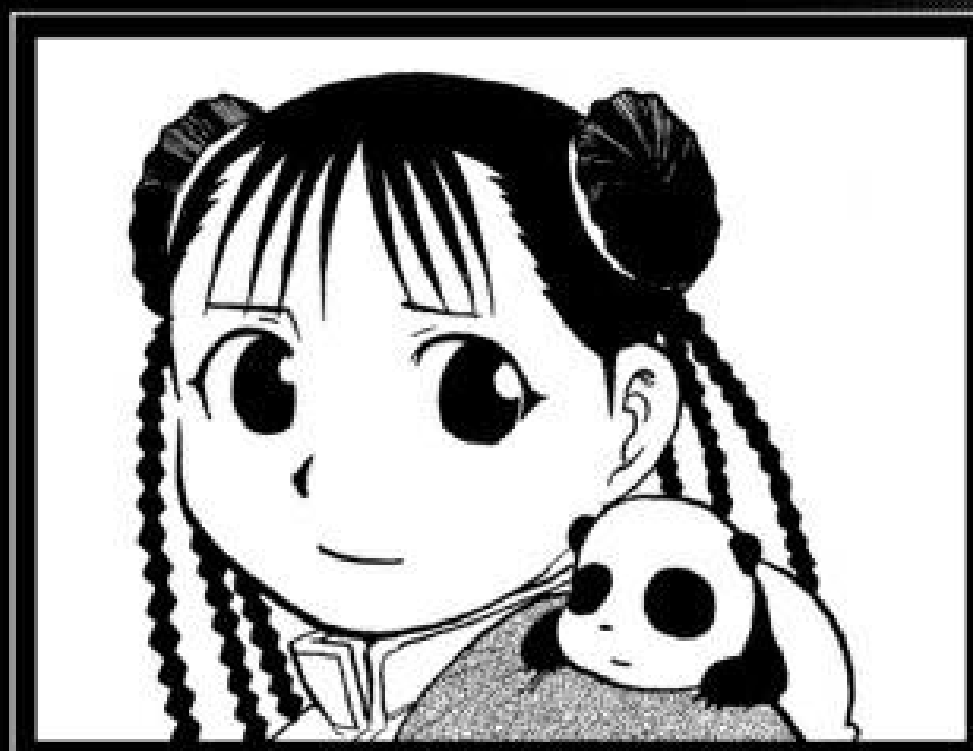
□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



□ ゾルフ・J・キンブリー

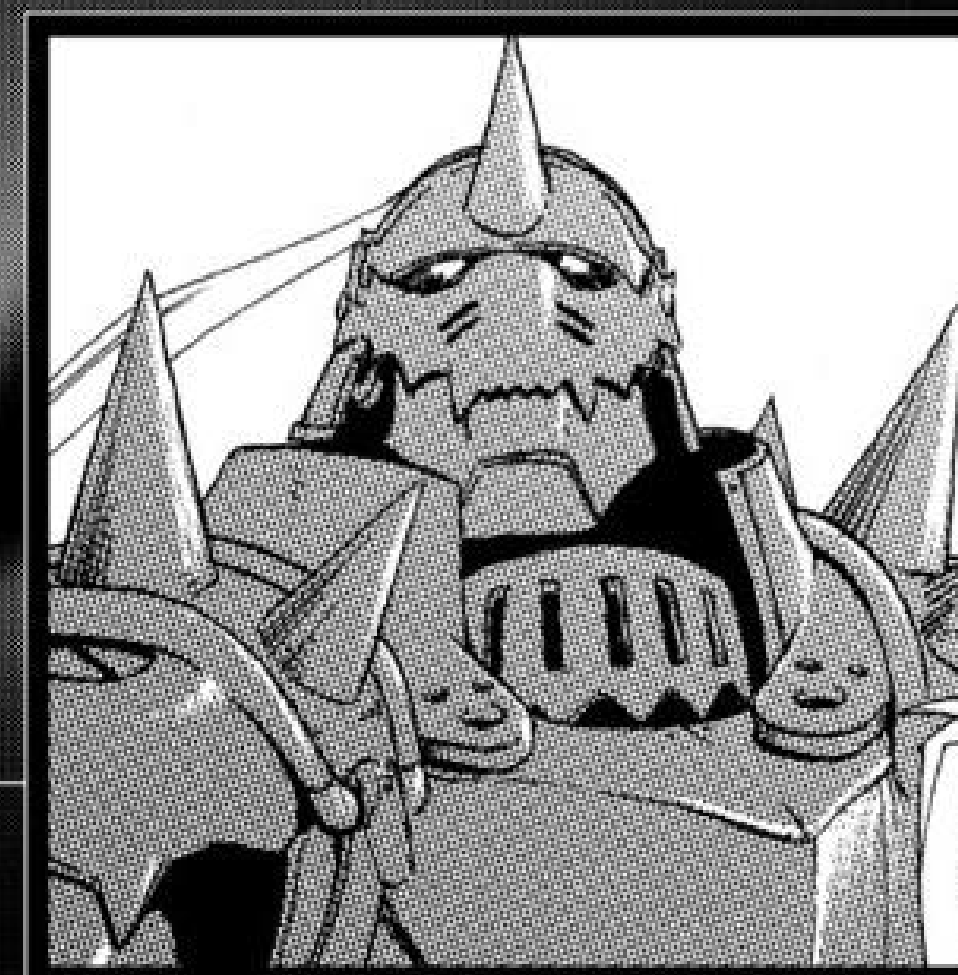
Solf J. Kimblee



□ メイ・チャン

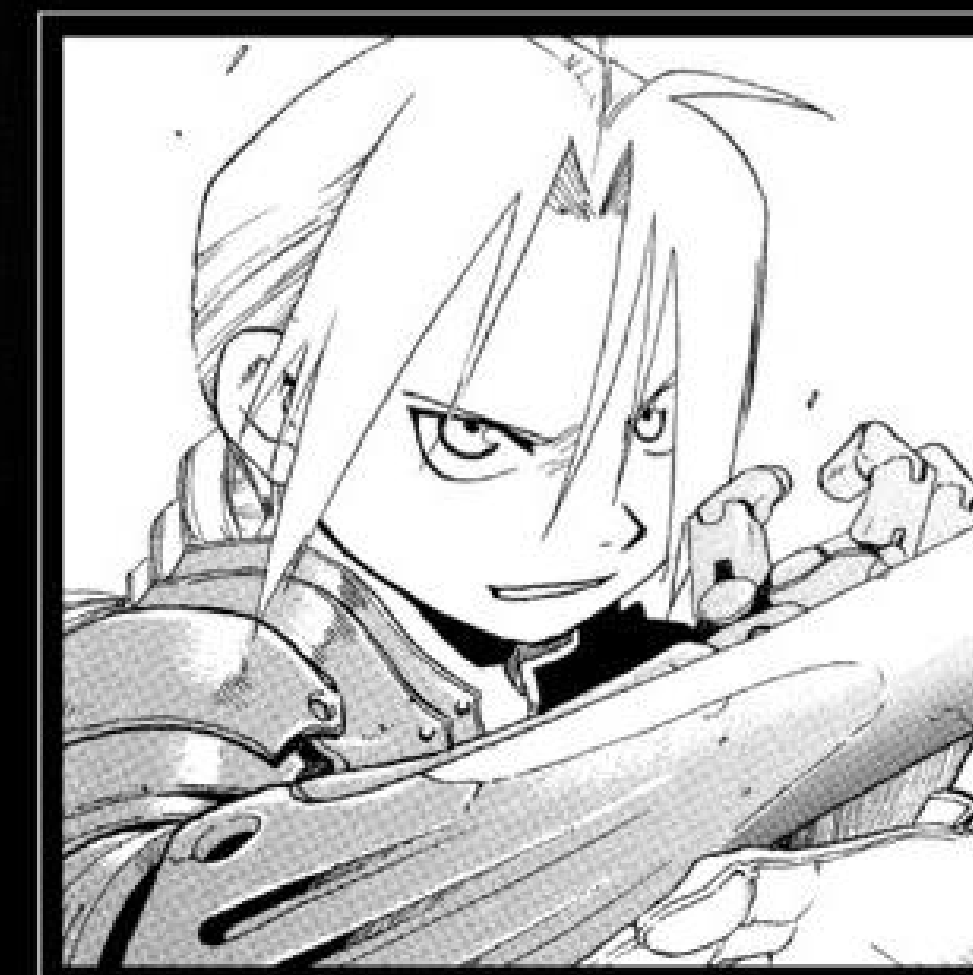
May Chang

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST CHARACTER



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

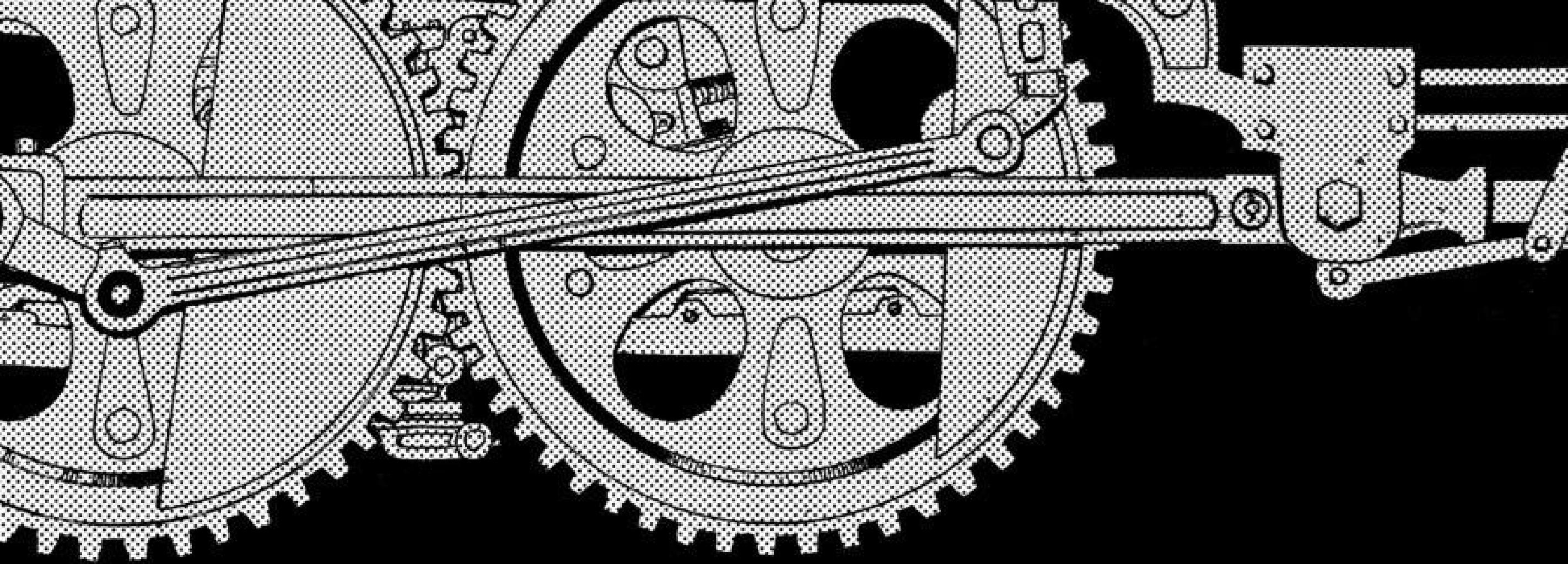
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

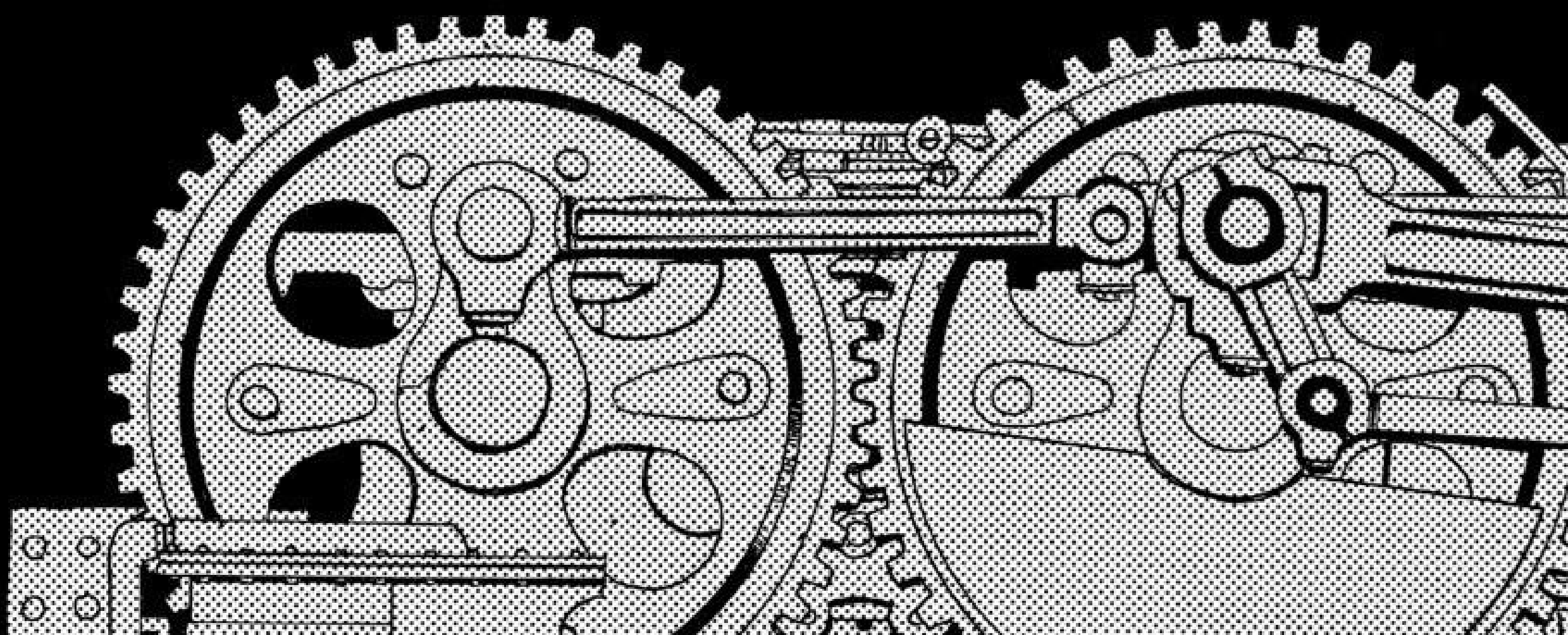
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist in hopes of finding a way to restore their bodies. Their search embroils them in a deadly conspiracy that threatens to take the innocence, if not the lives, of everyone involved.

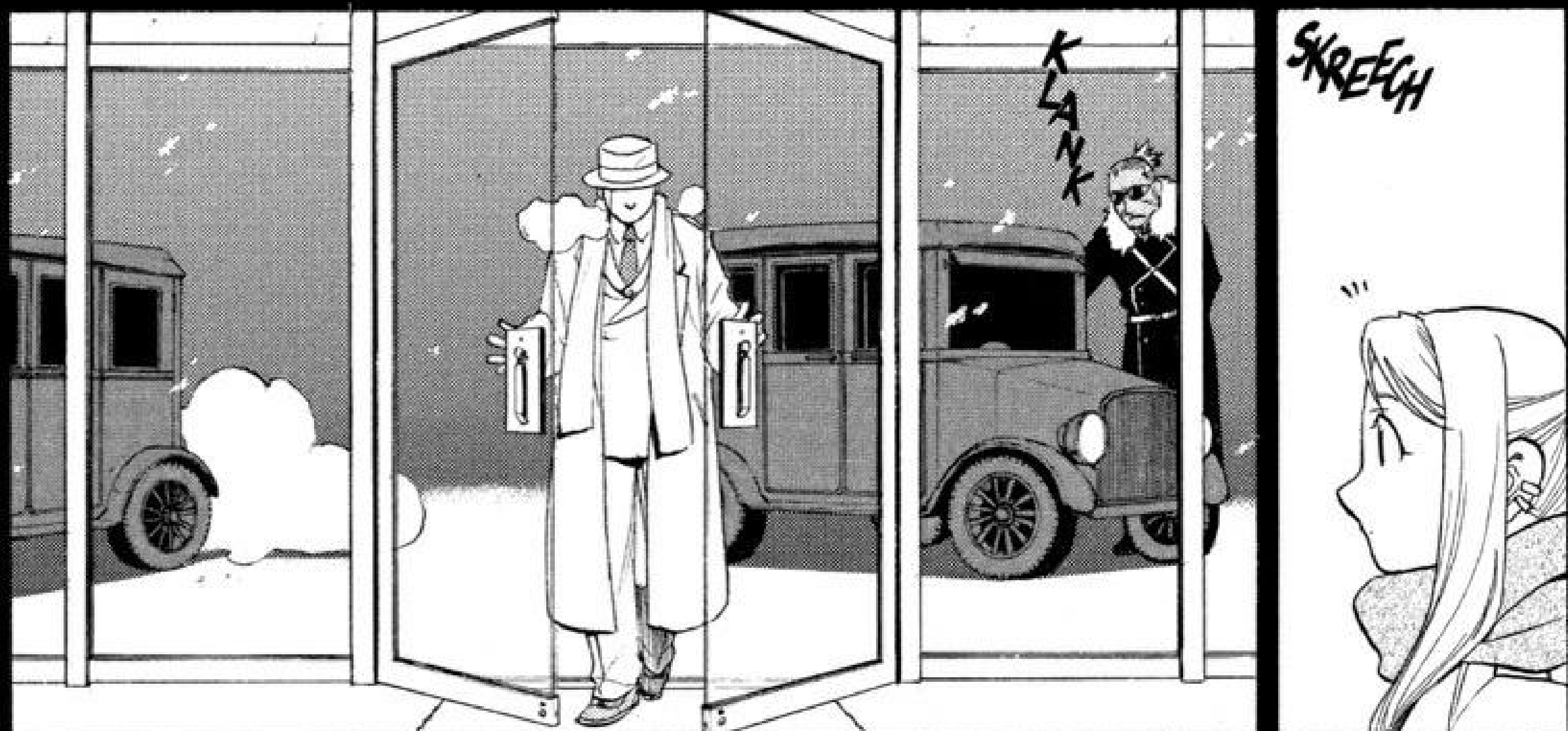
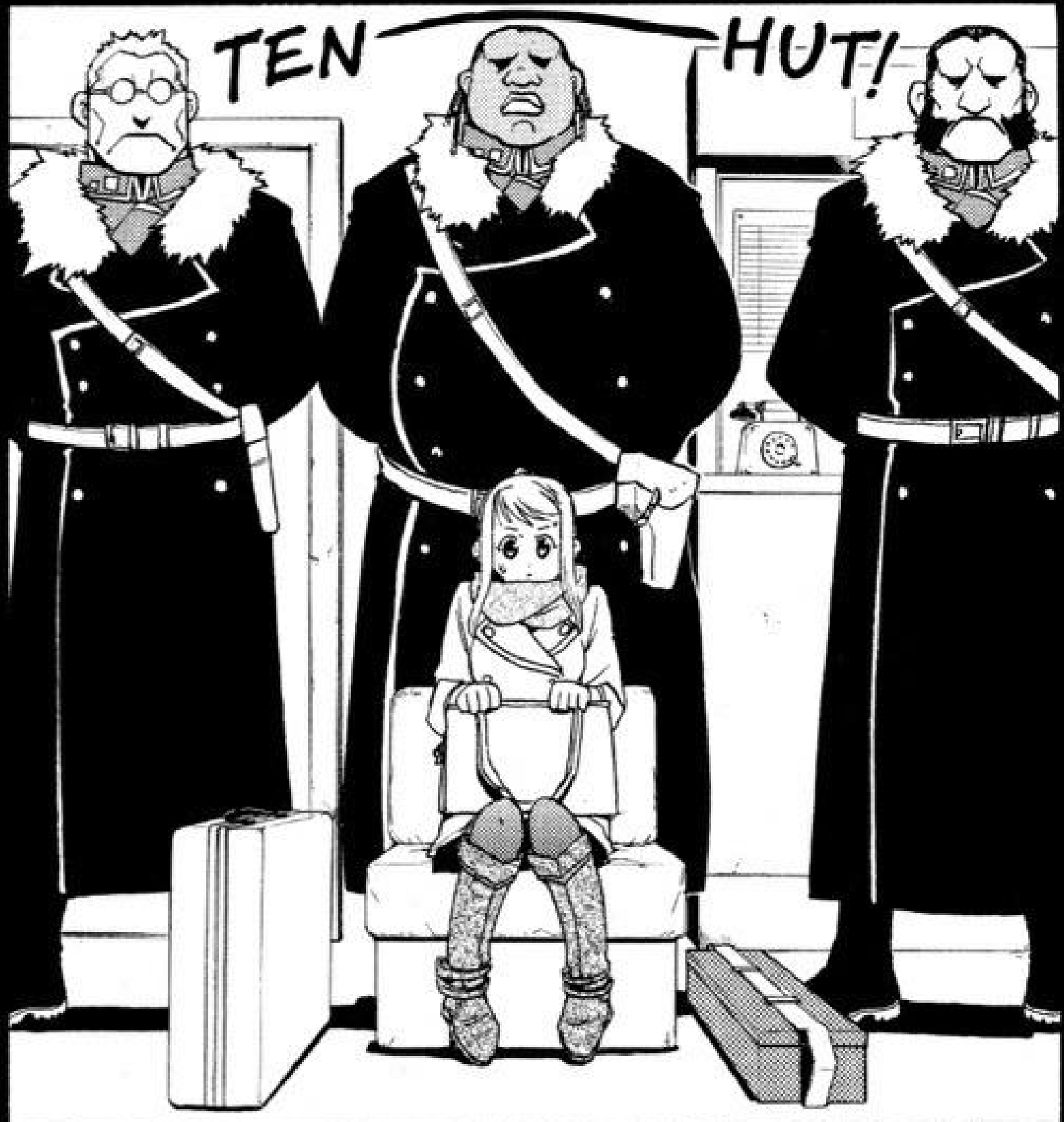
At Fort Briggs, on the snowbound northern border, the Brothers Elric make a shocking discovery. The bloody history of Amestris, dotted with wars and annexations along every border, has been carefully orchestrated by the Homonculi and their military pawns to achieve a single goal: turning the entire nation into one giant Transmutation Circle! While Major General Armstrong and her loyal soldiers investigate the Homonculi's tunnels beneath Briggs, Ed and Al are stuck behind bars as part of an elaborate ruse to trick Military High Command. While temperatures plummet, the cat-and-mouse game heats up!



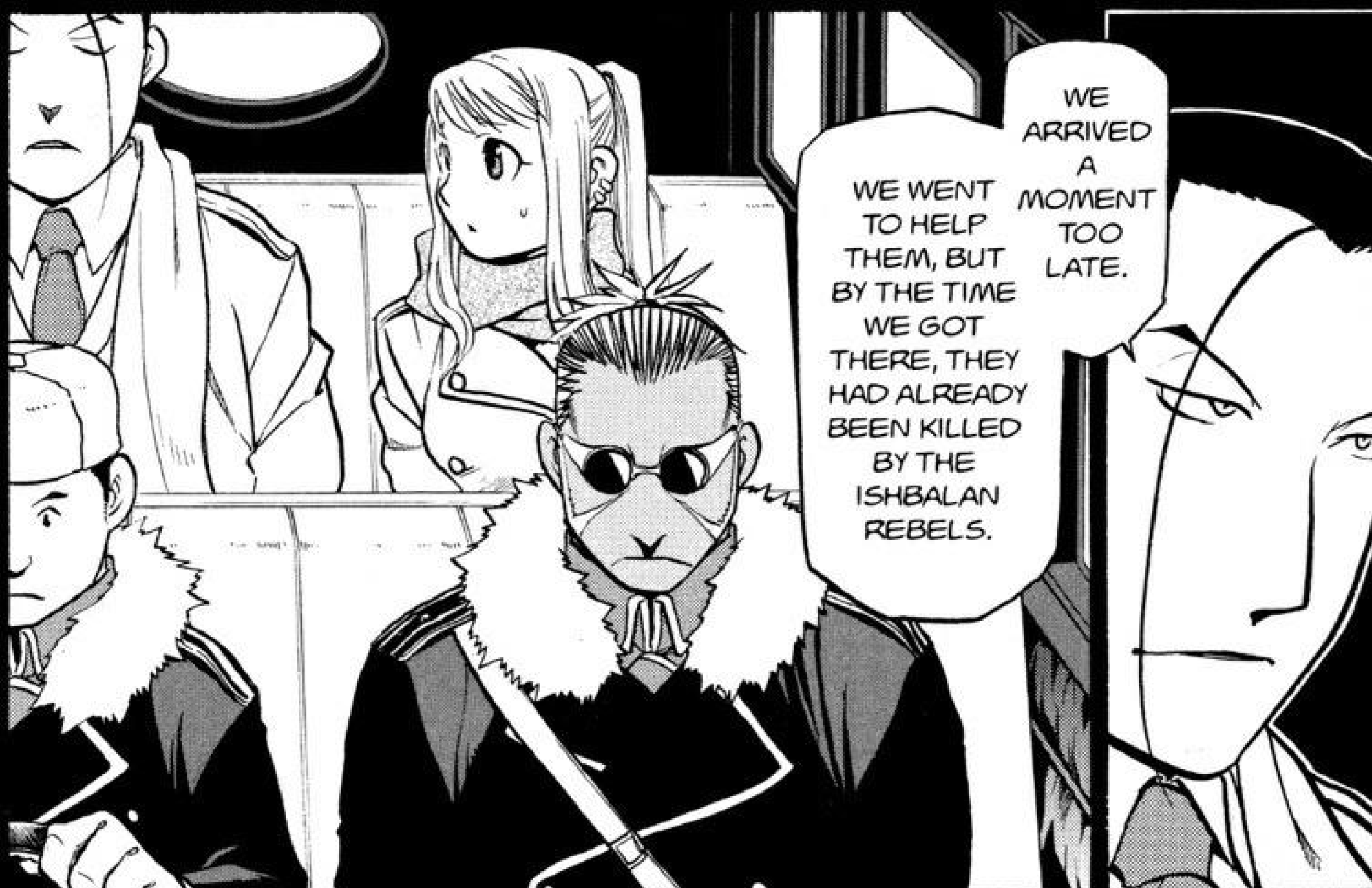
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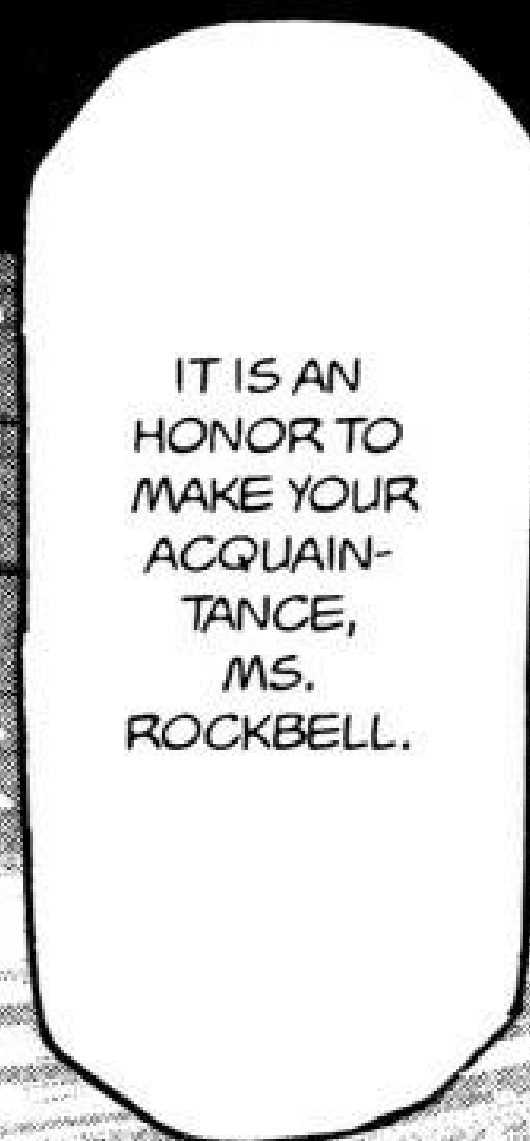
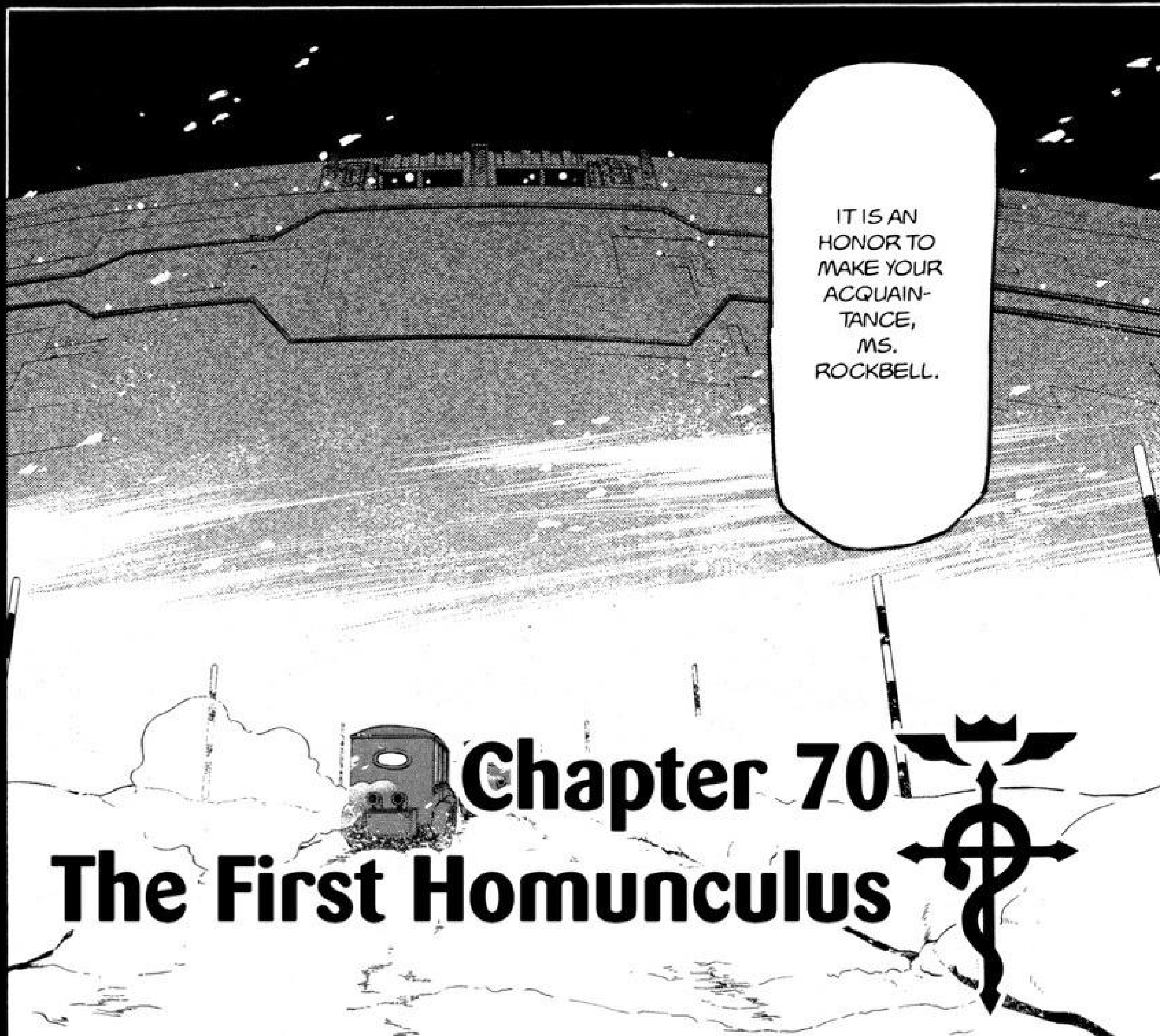
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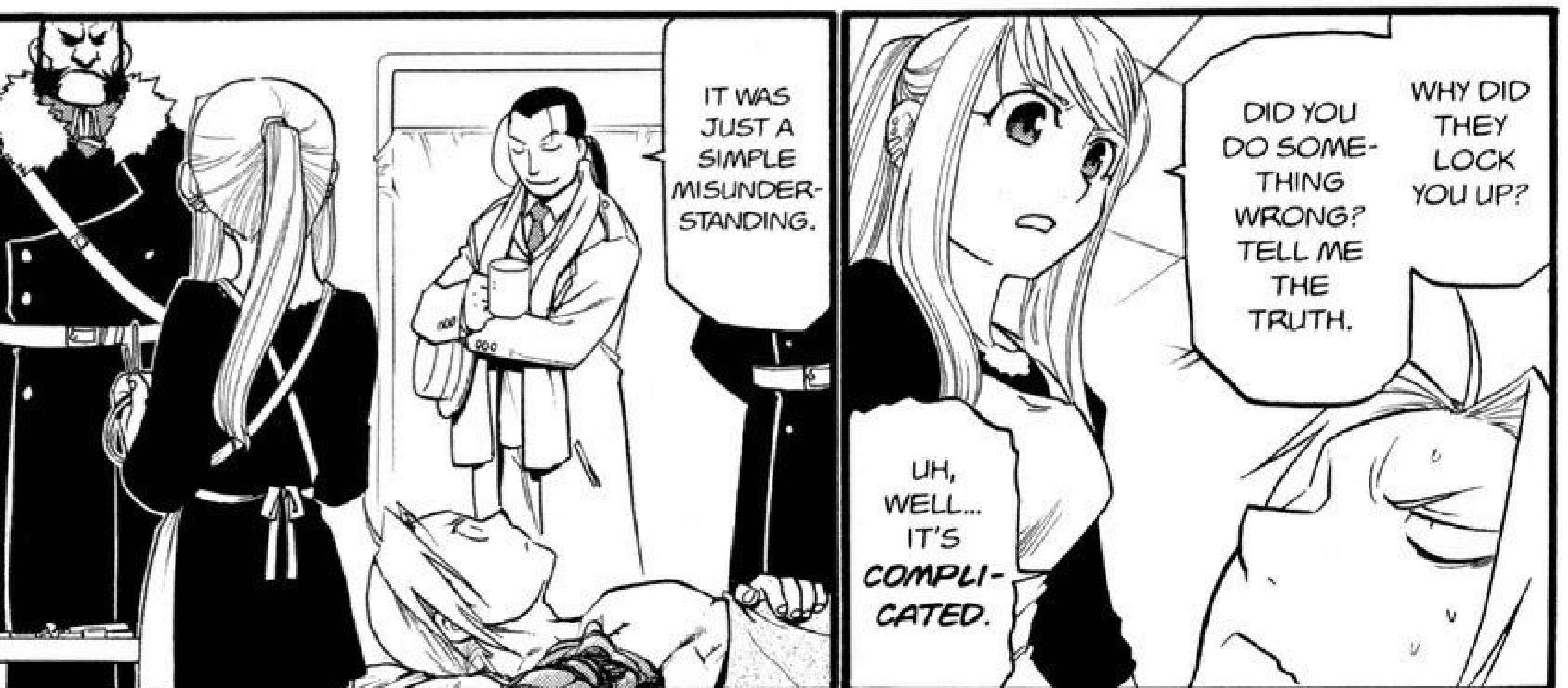


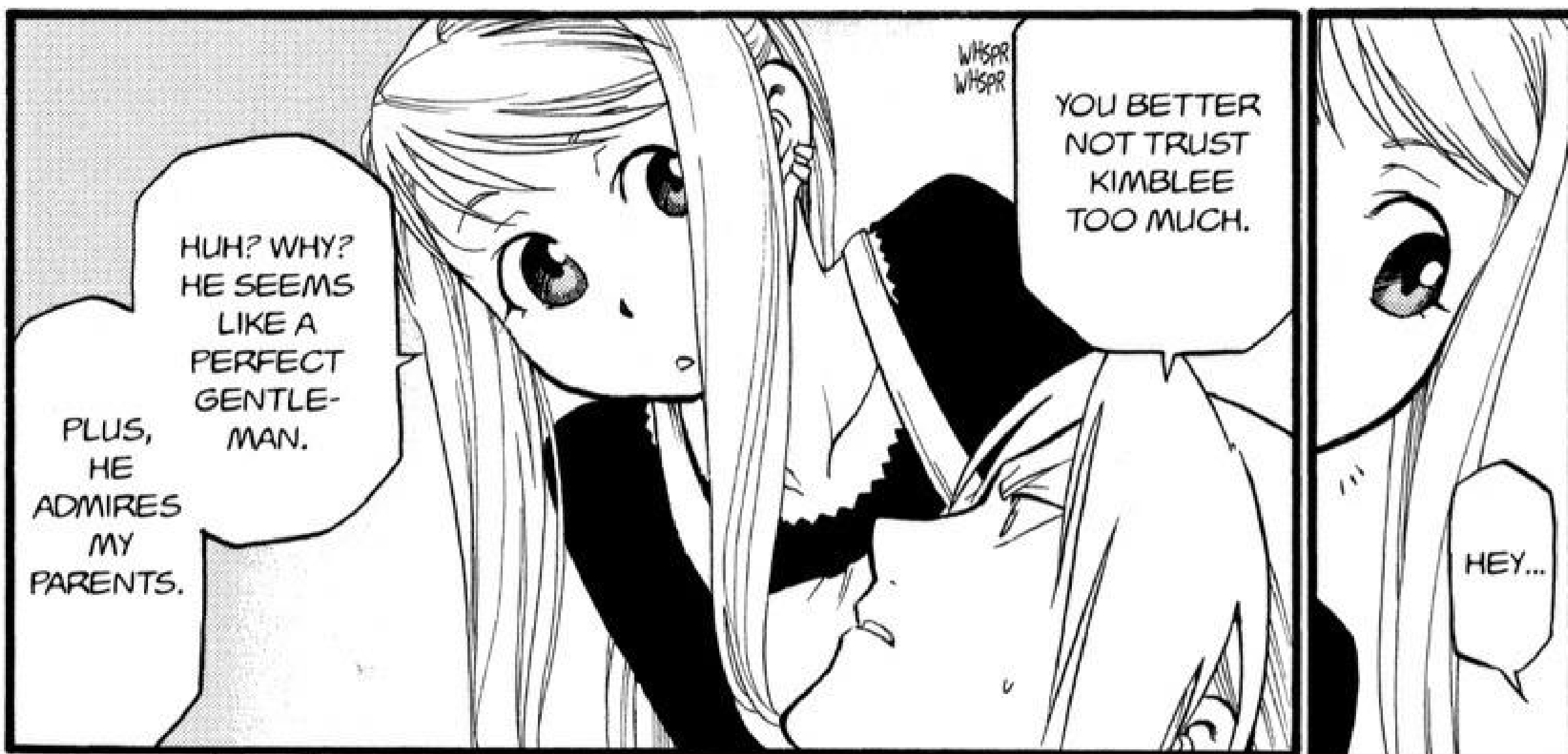


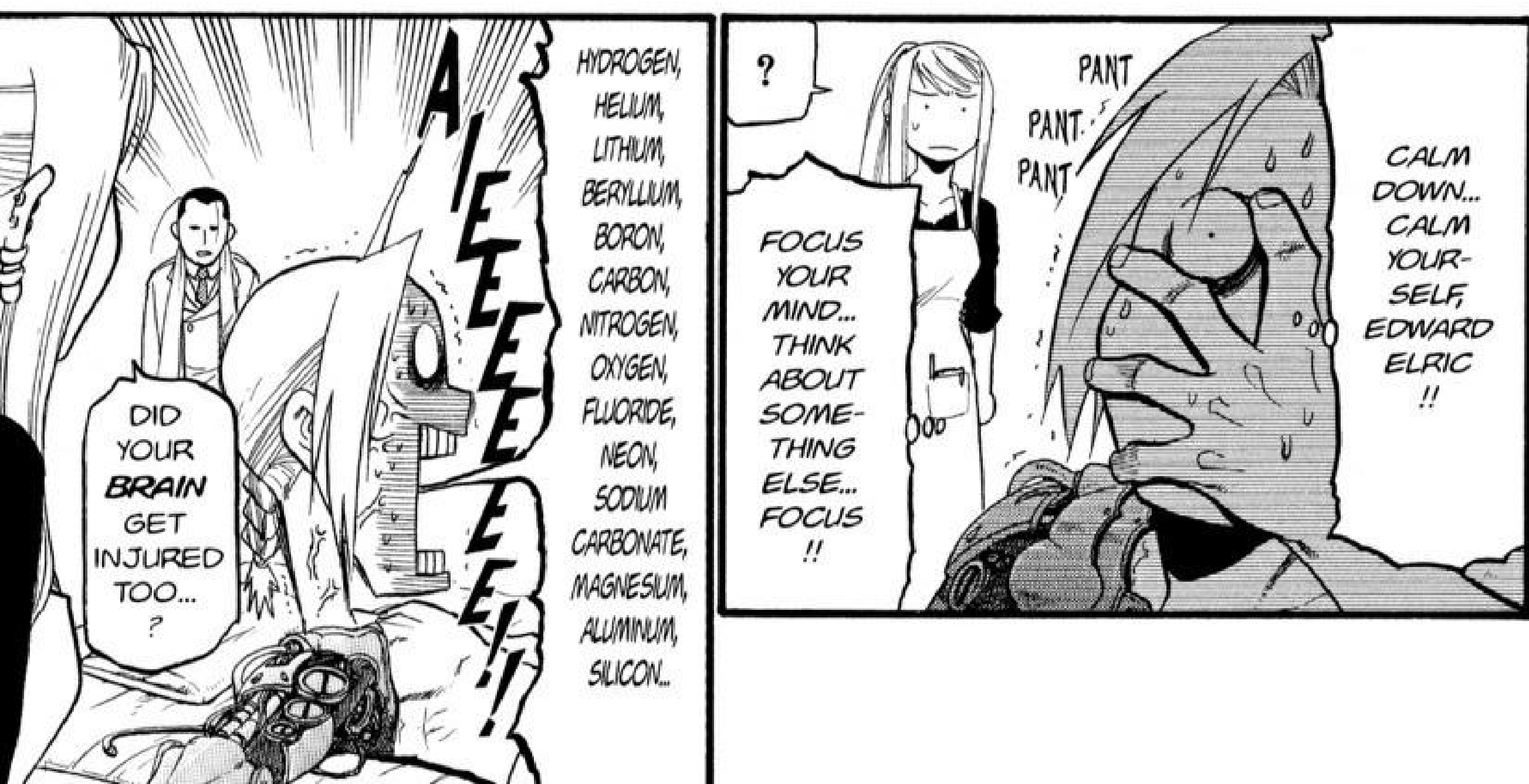
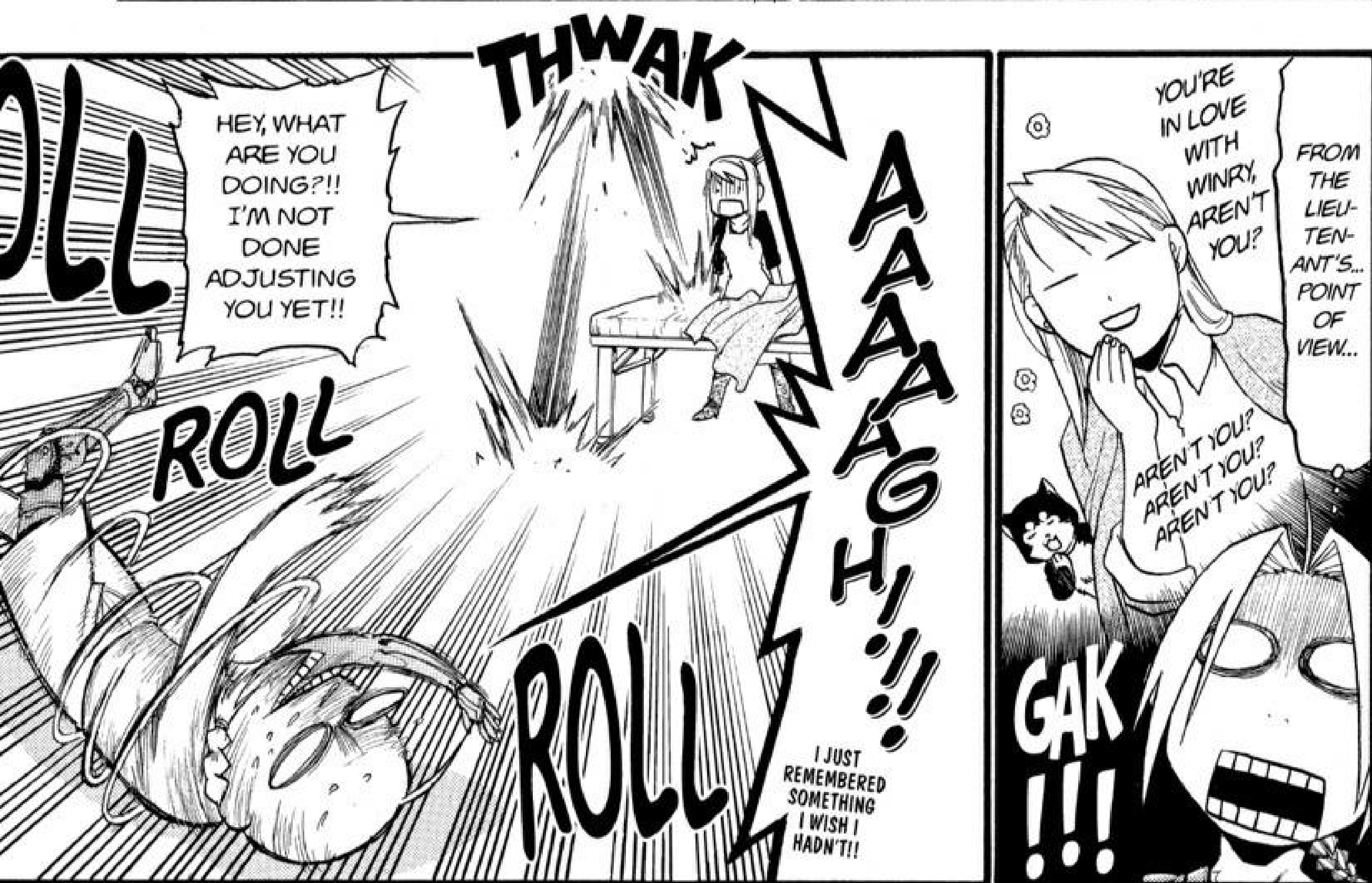
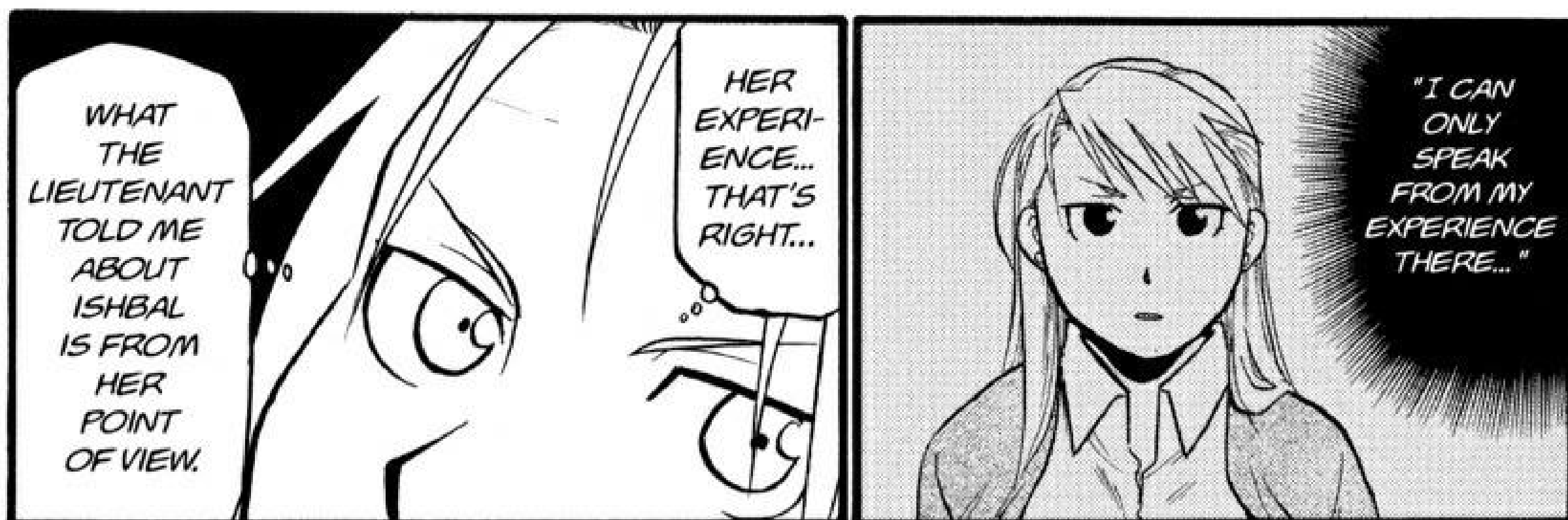
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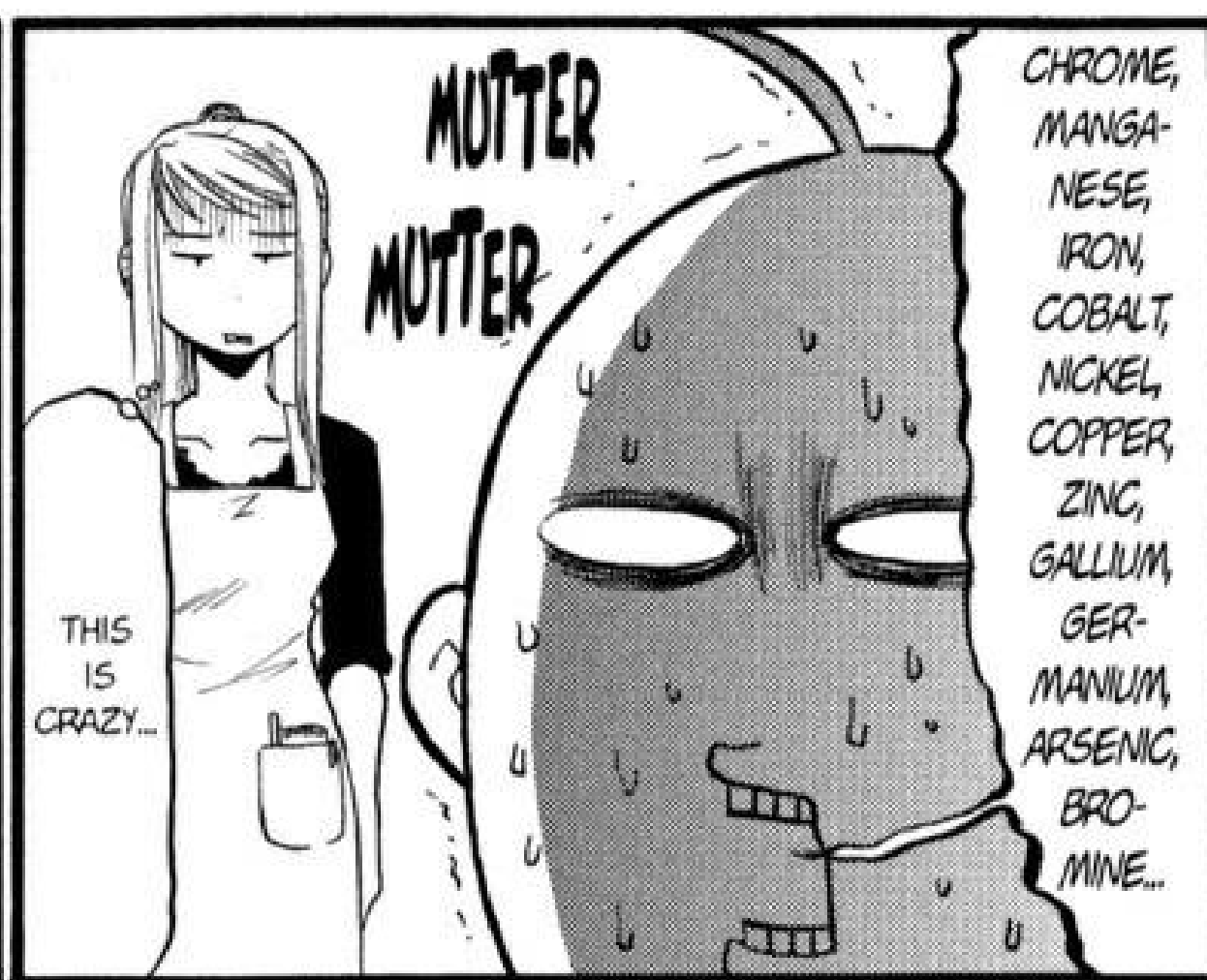
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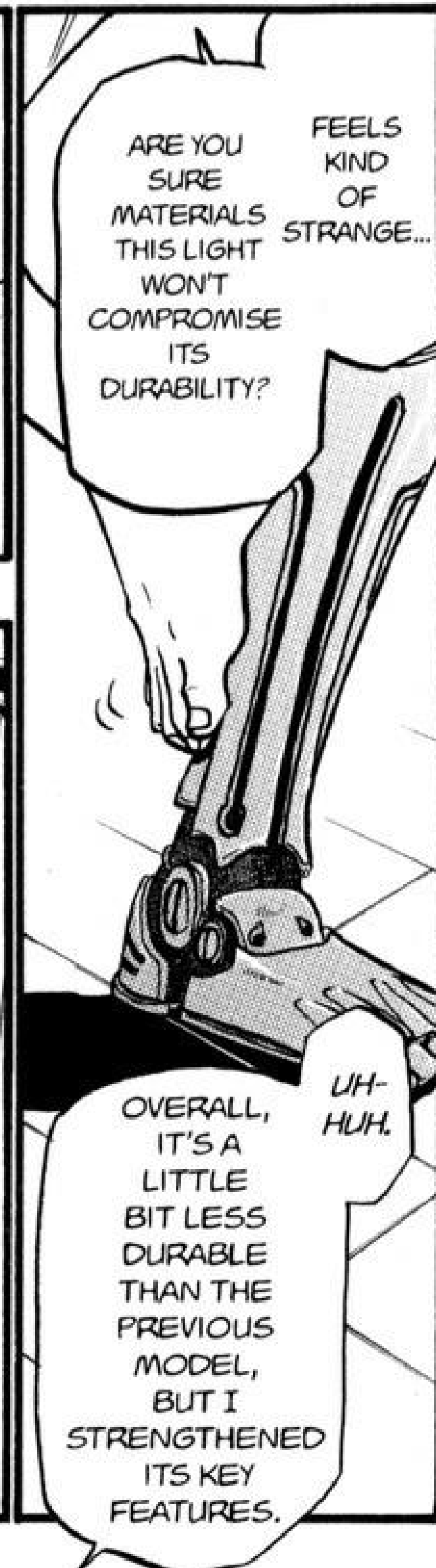
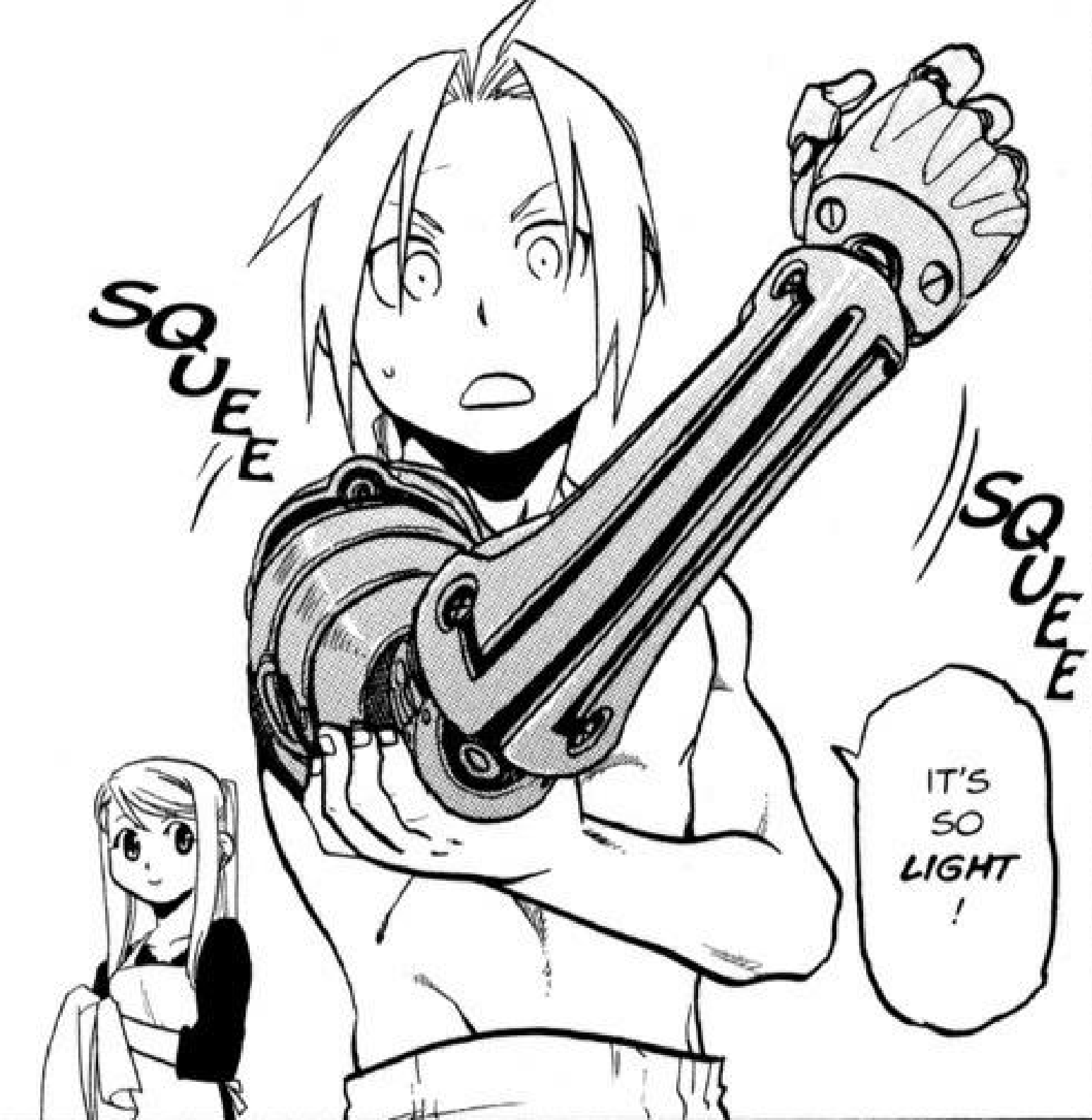


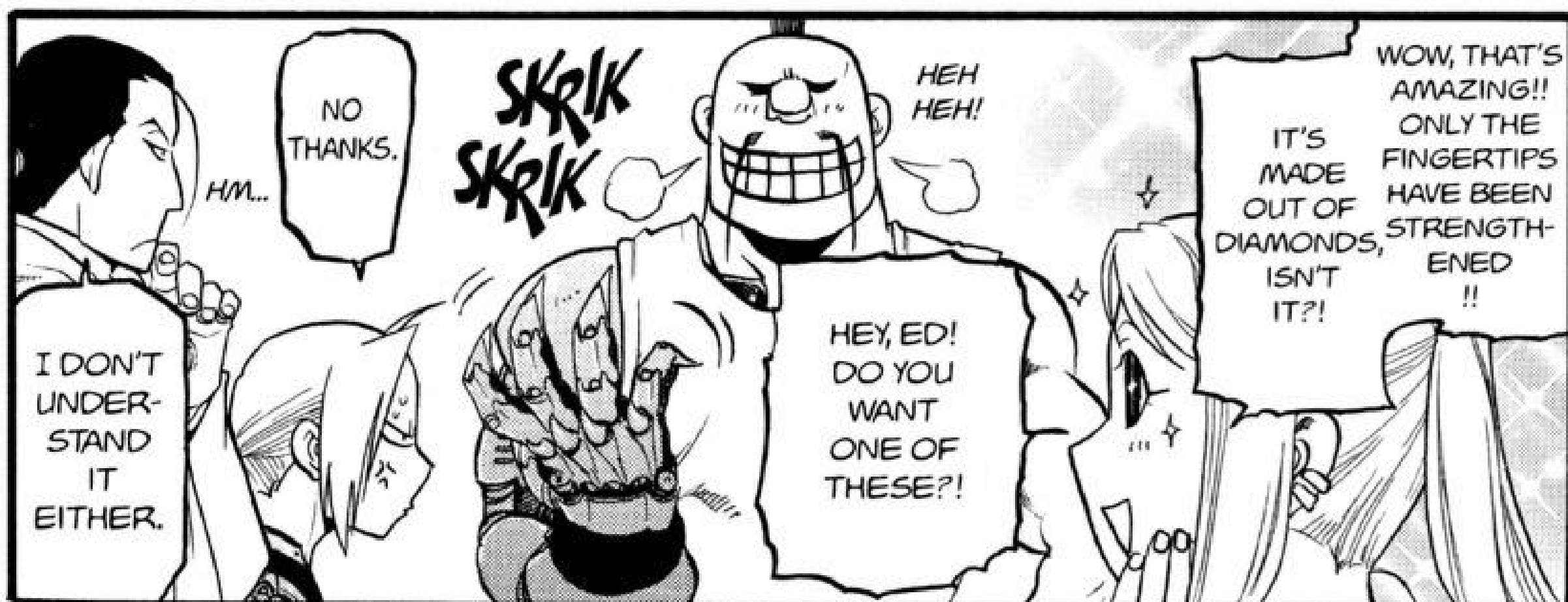
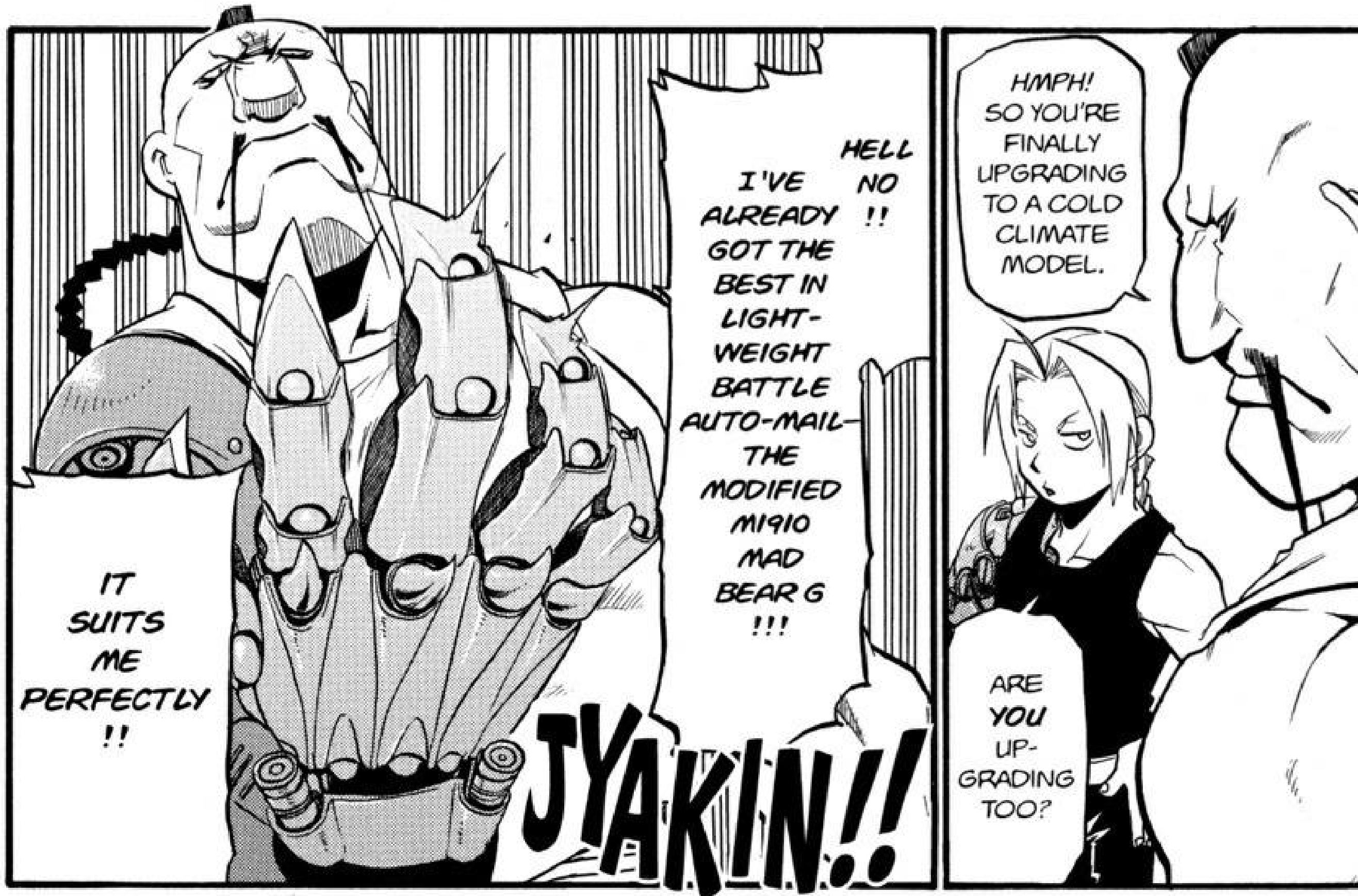


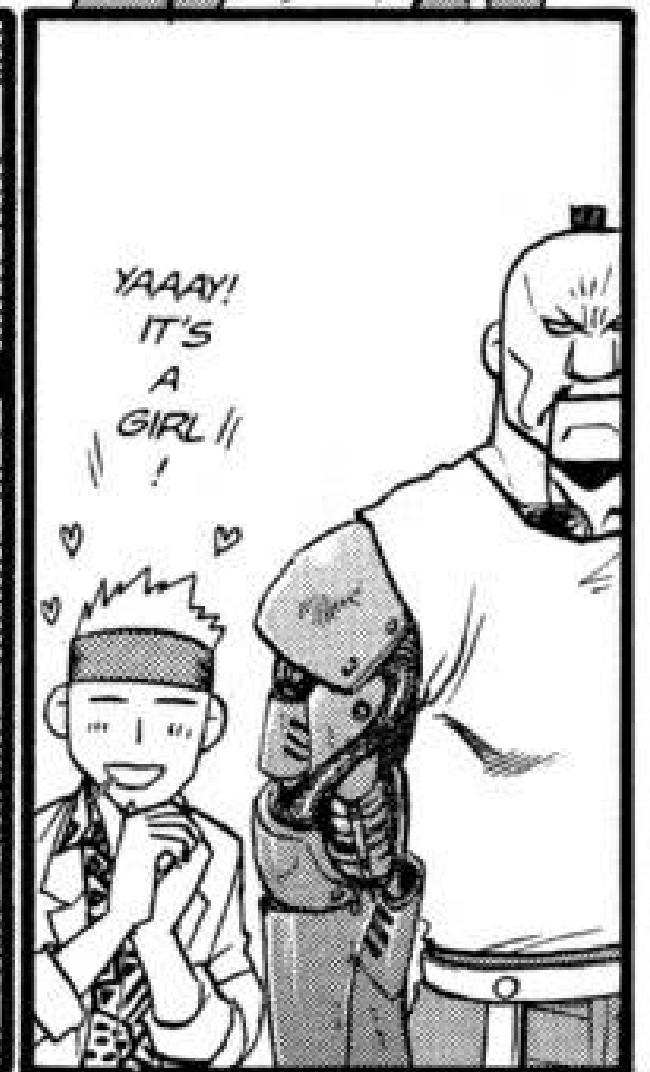


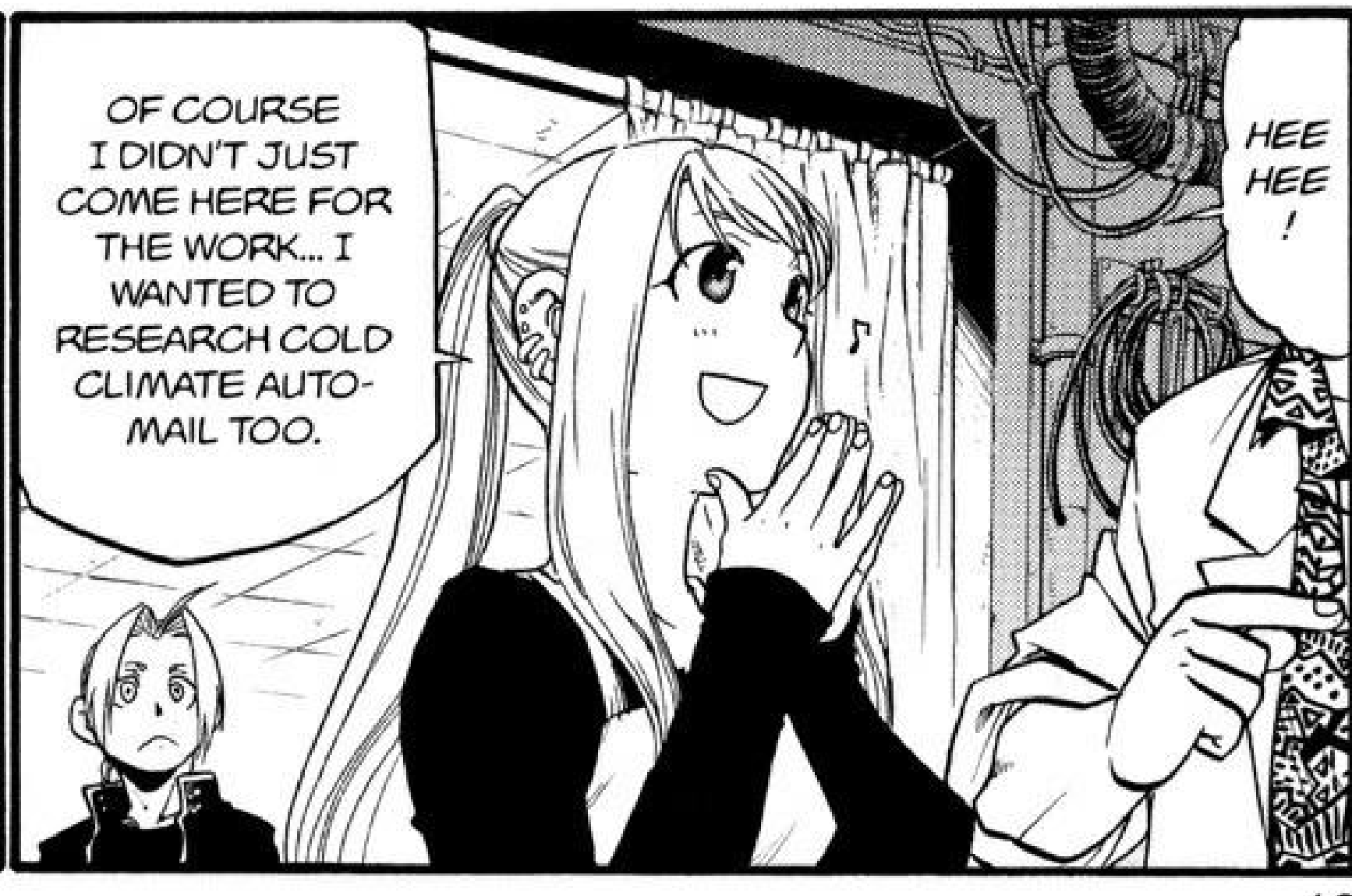
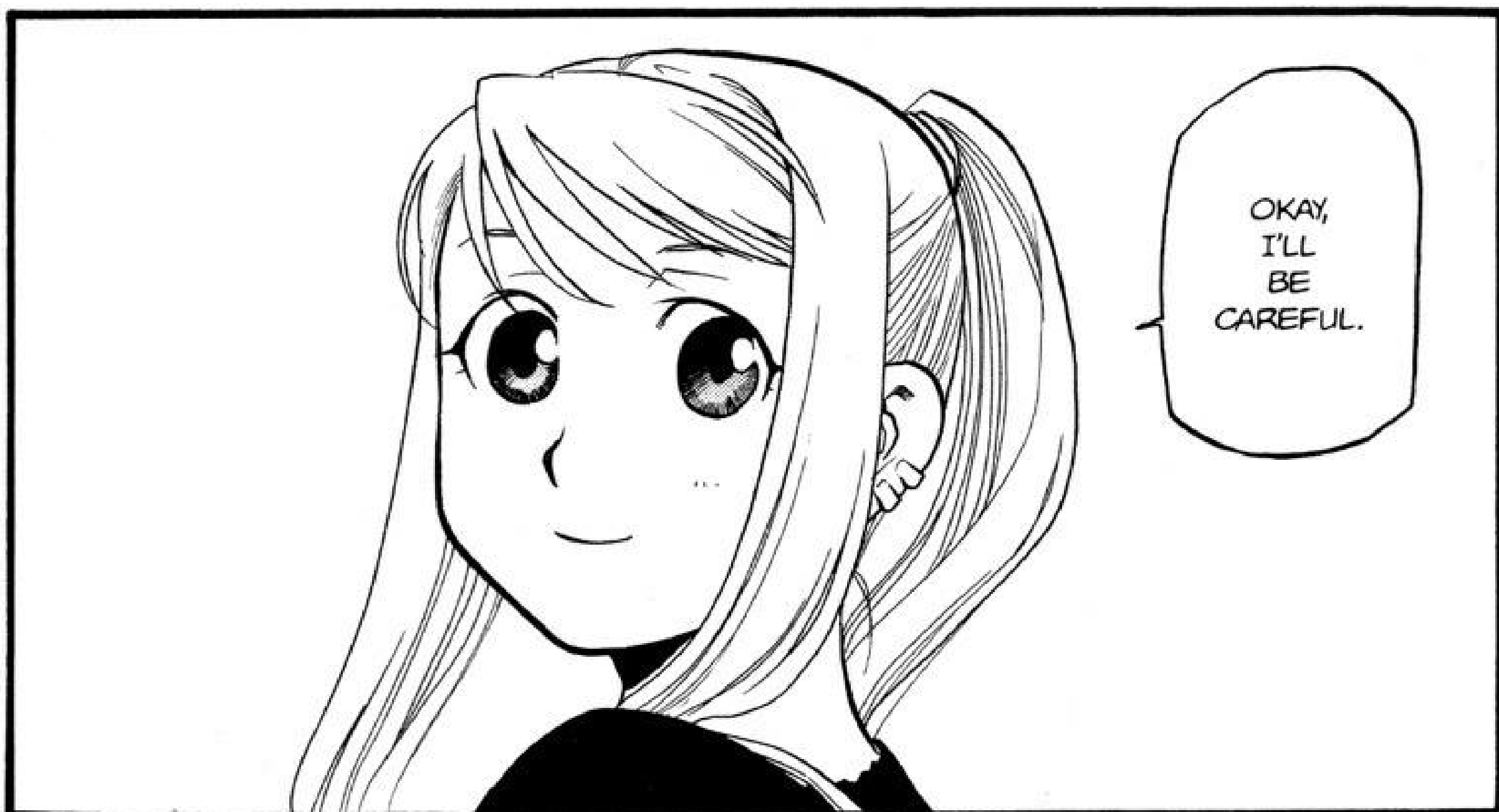
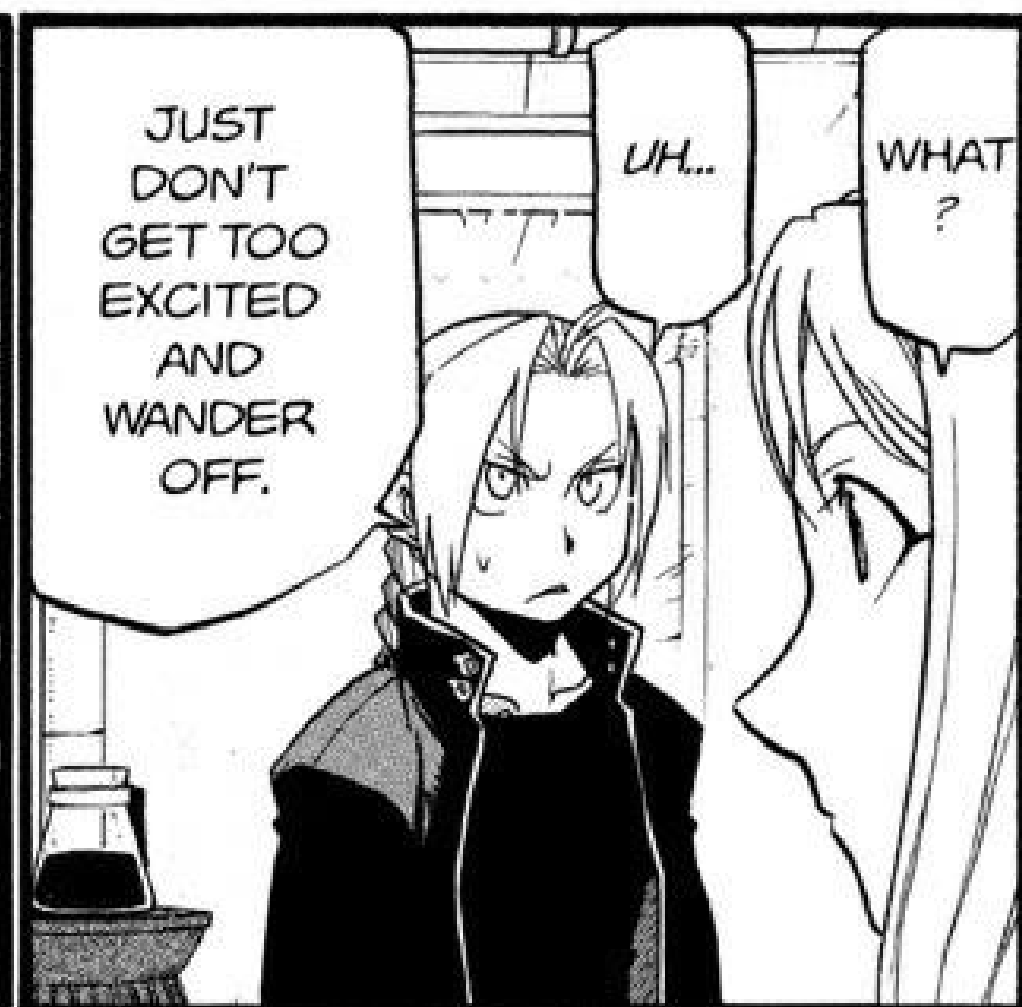


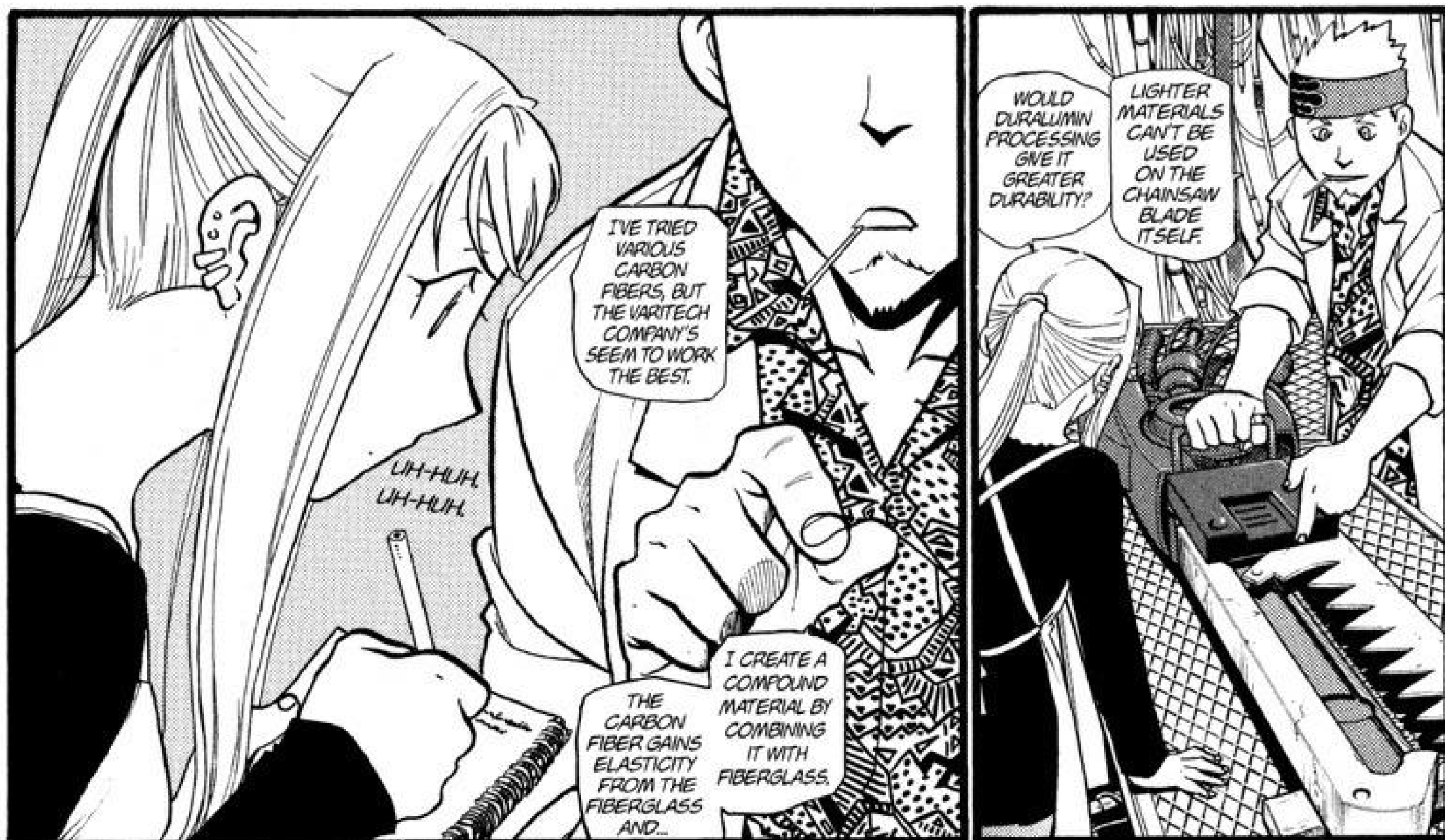


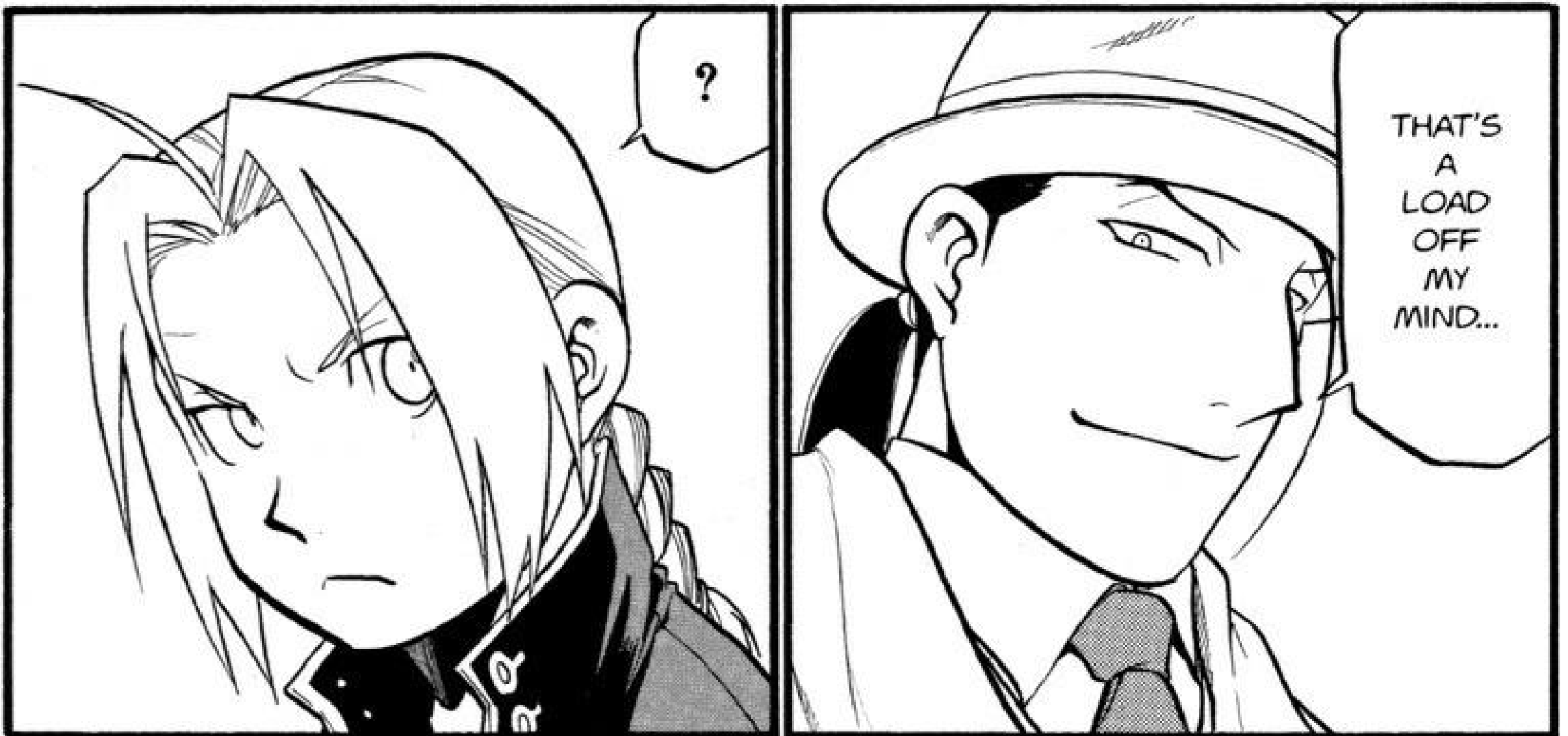


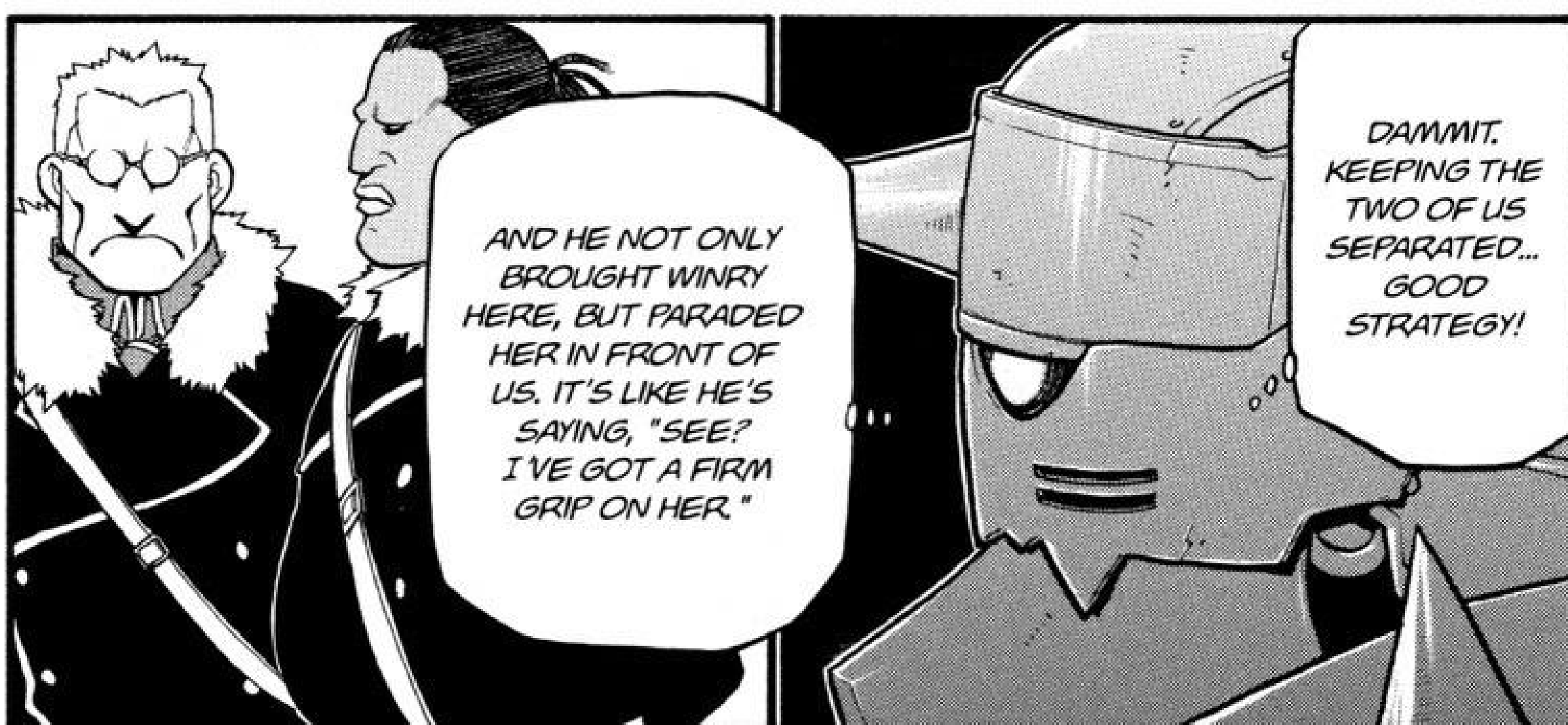
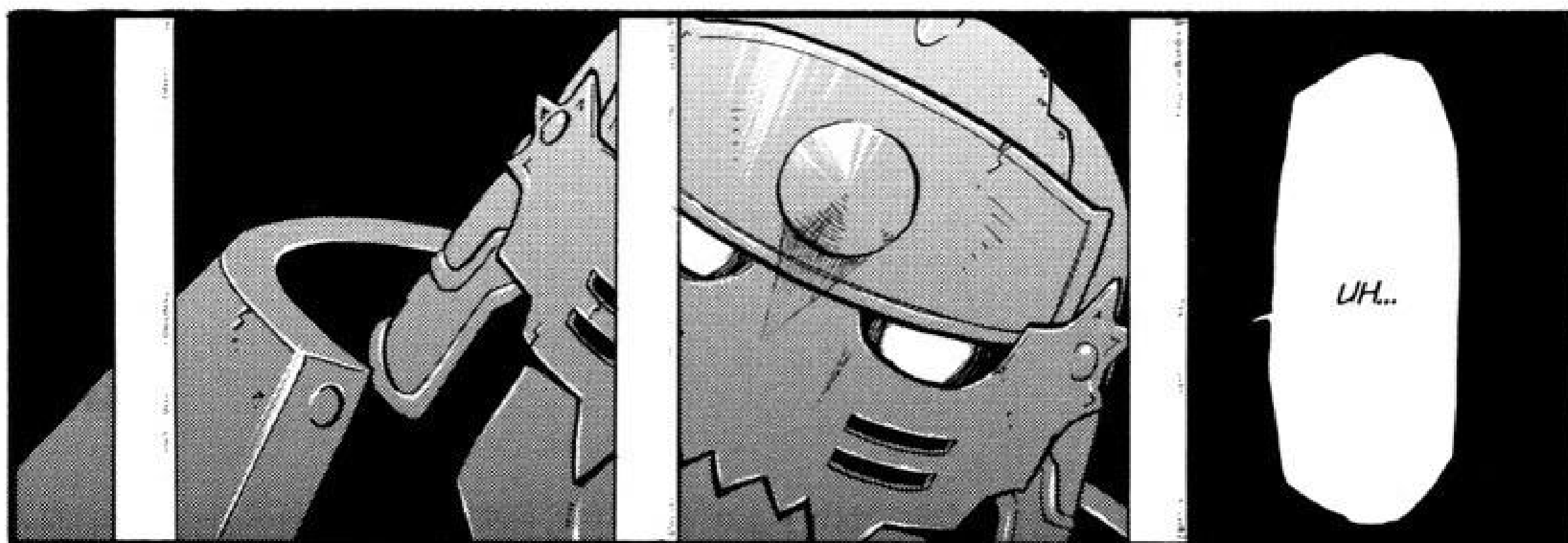


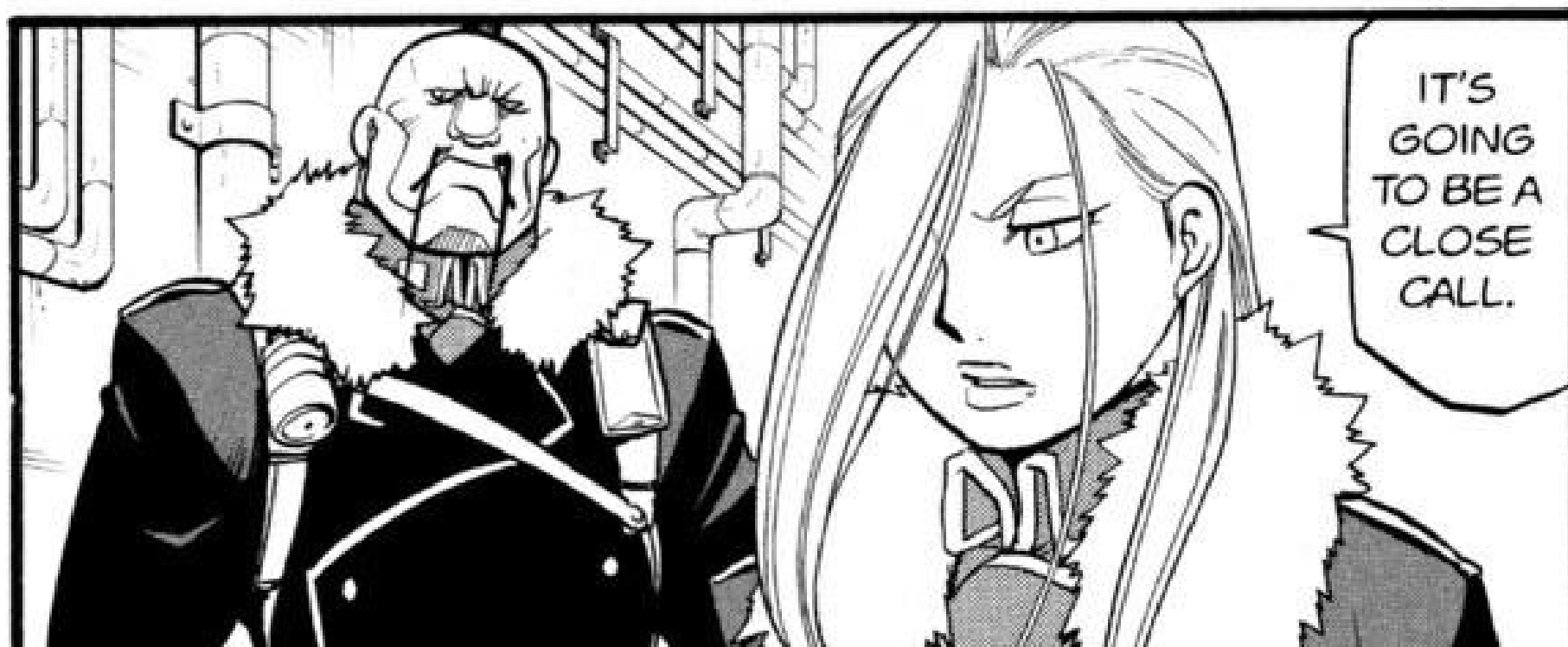
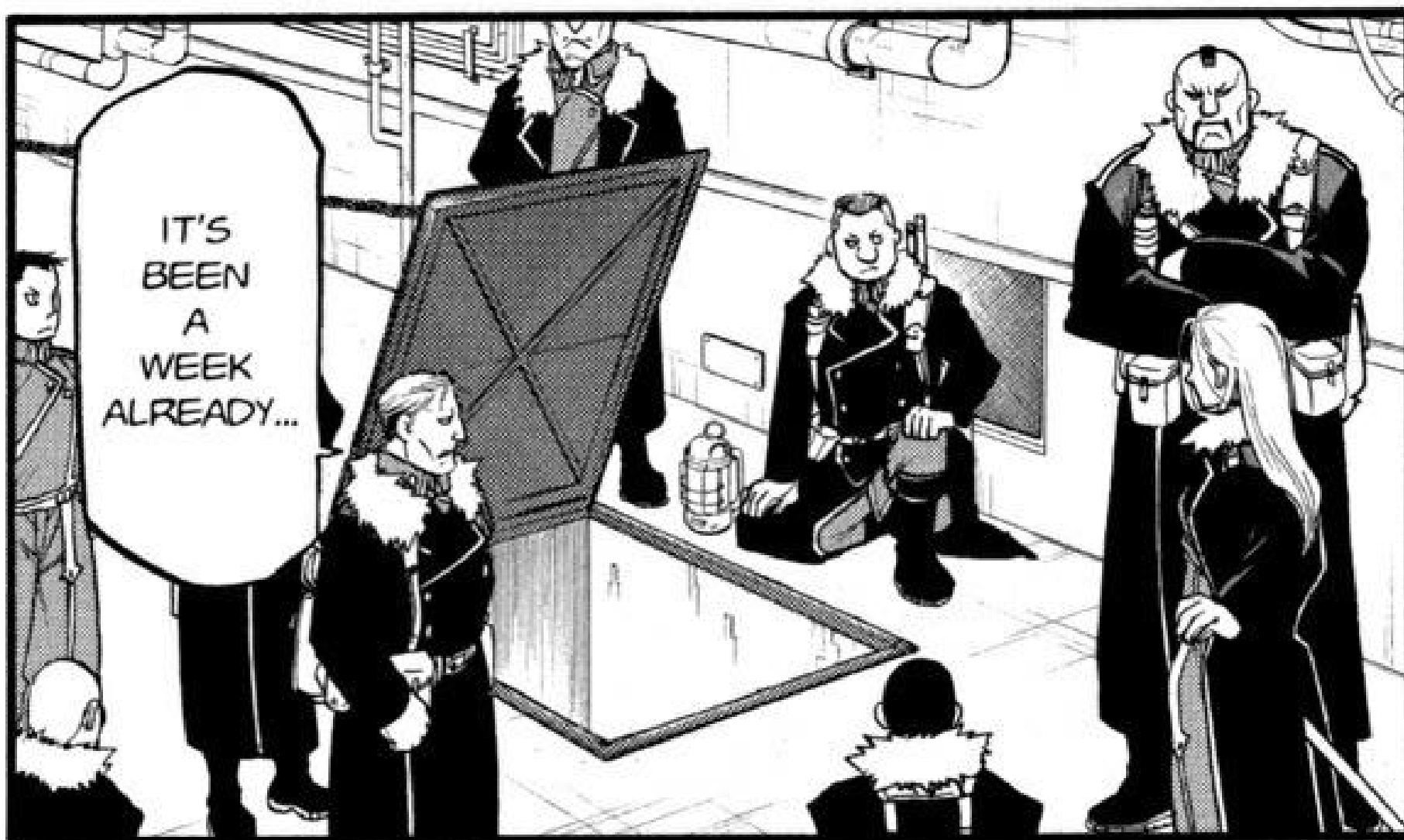
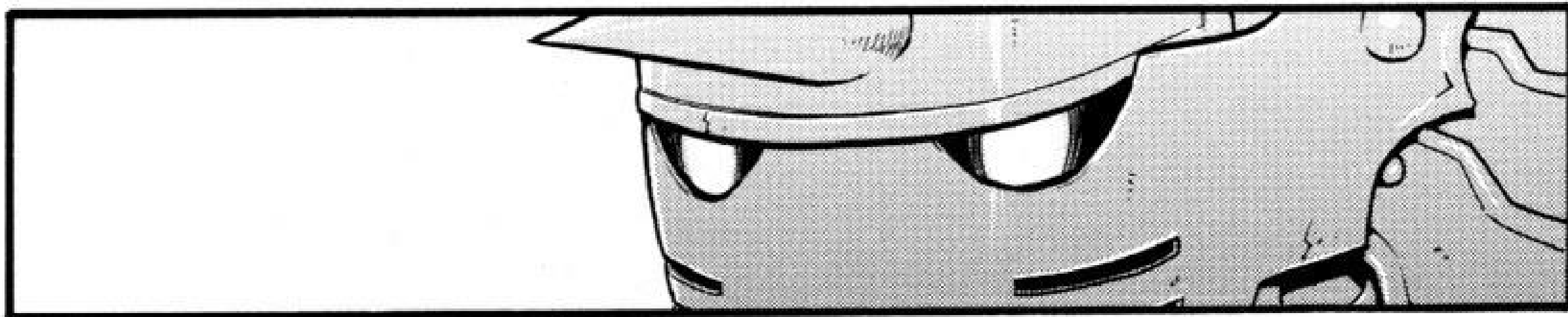


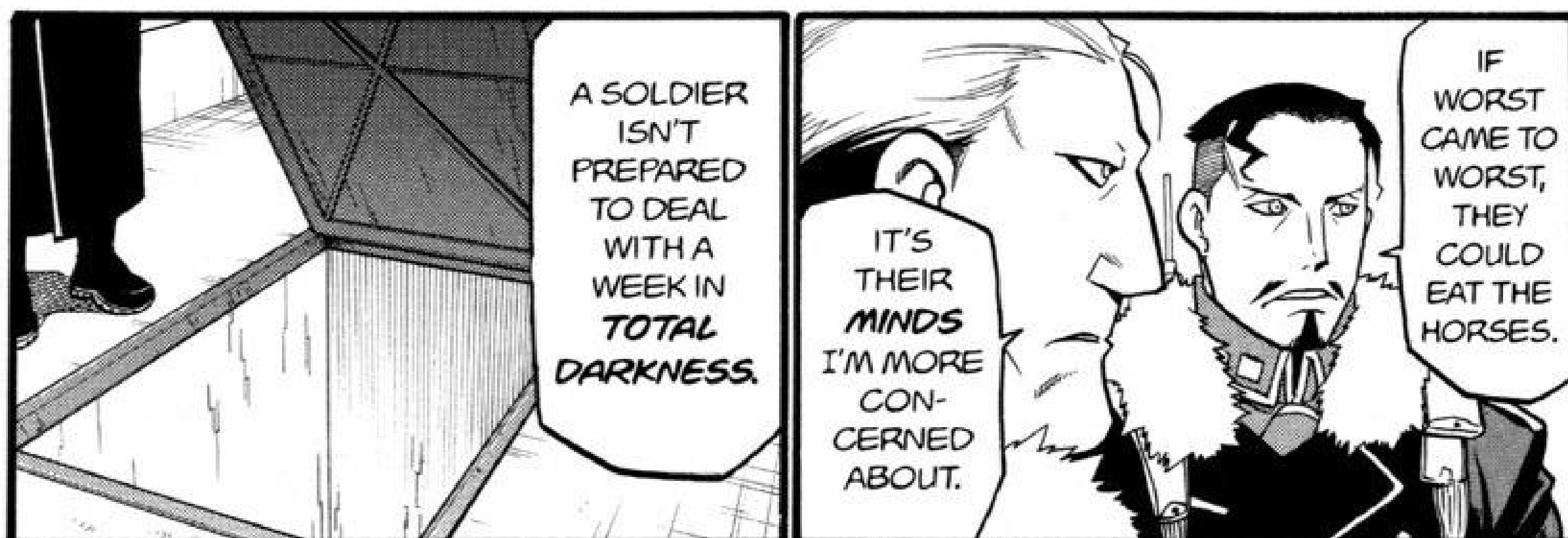














GO AHEAD
AND SEAL UP
THE HOLE.
PRETEND
WE NEVER
EXISTED.



WE HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
HAPPENED
DOWN THERE,
OR WHAT MIGHT
BE WAITING
FOR US.



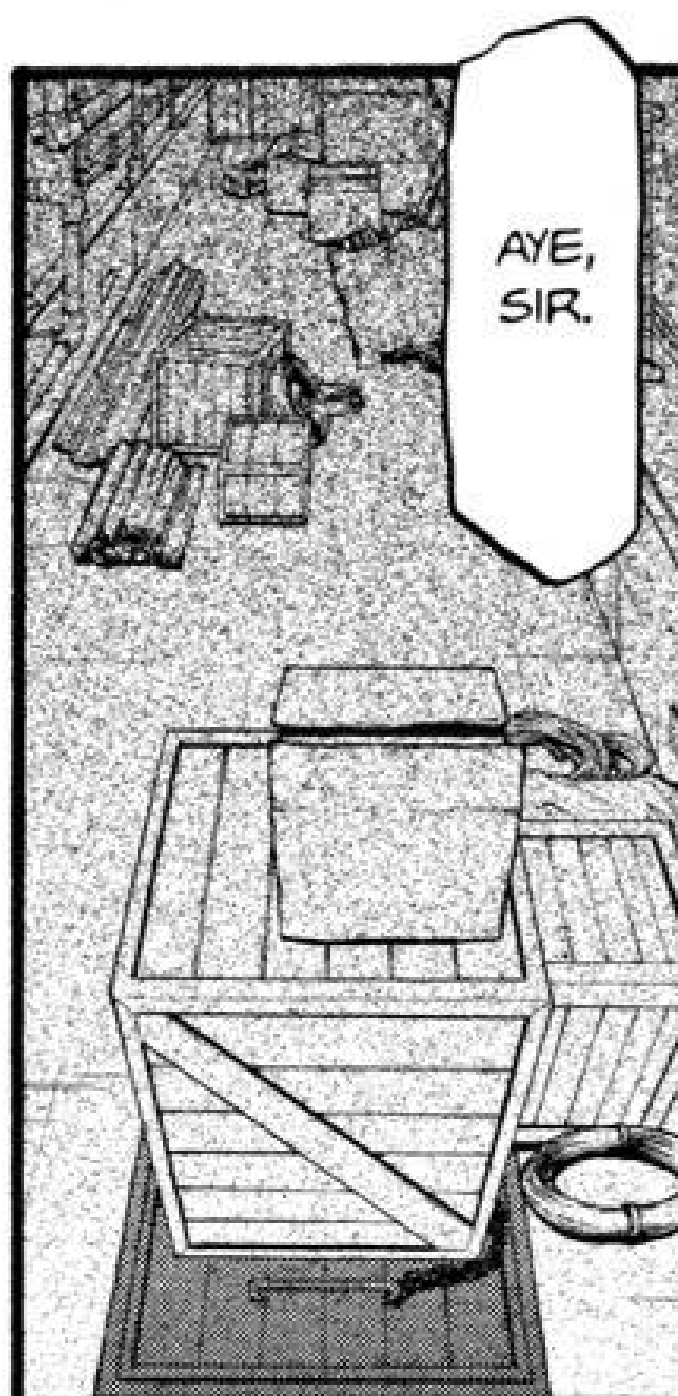
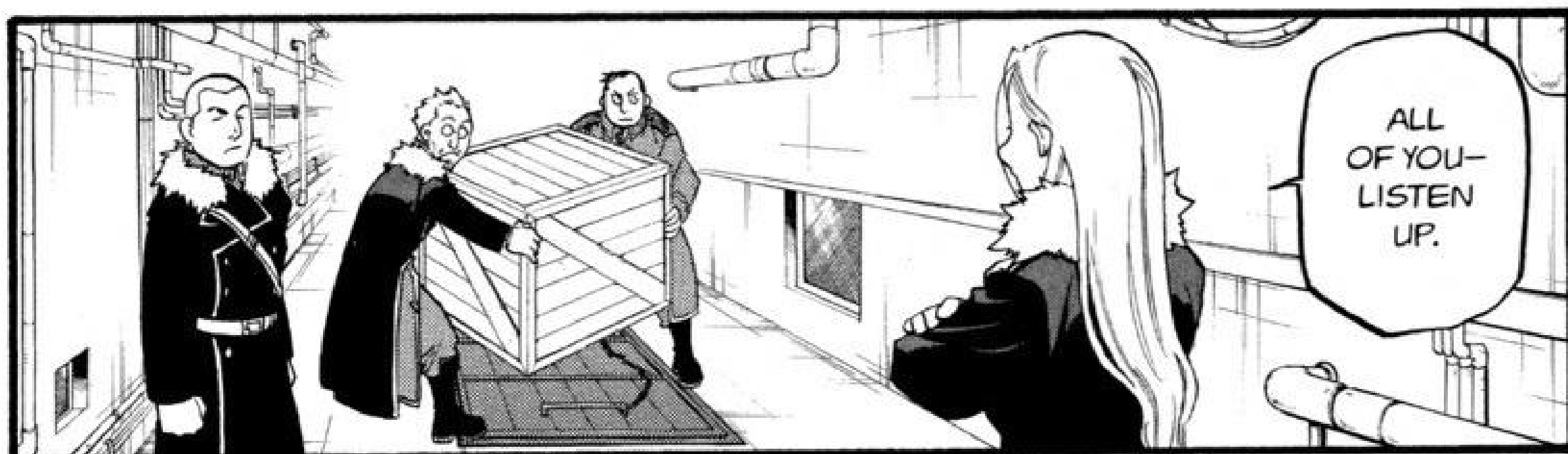
IF WE
DON'T
RETURN
WITHIN 24
HOURS...

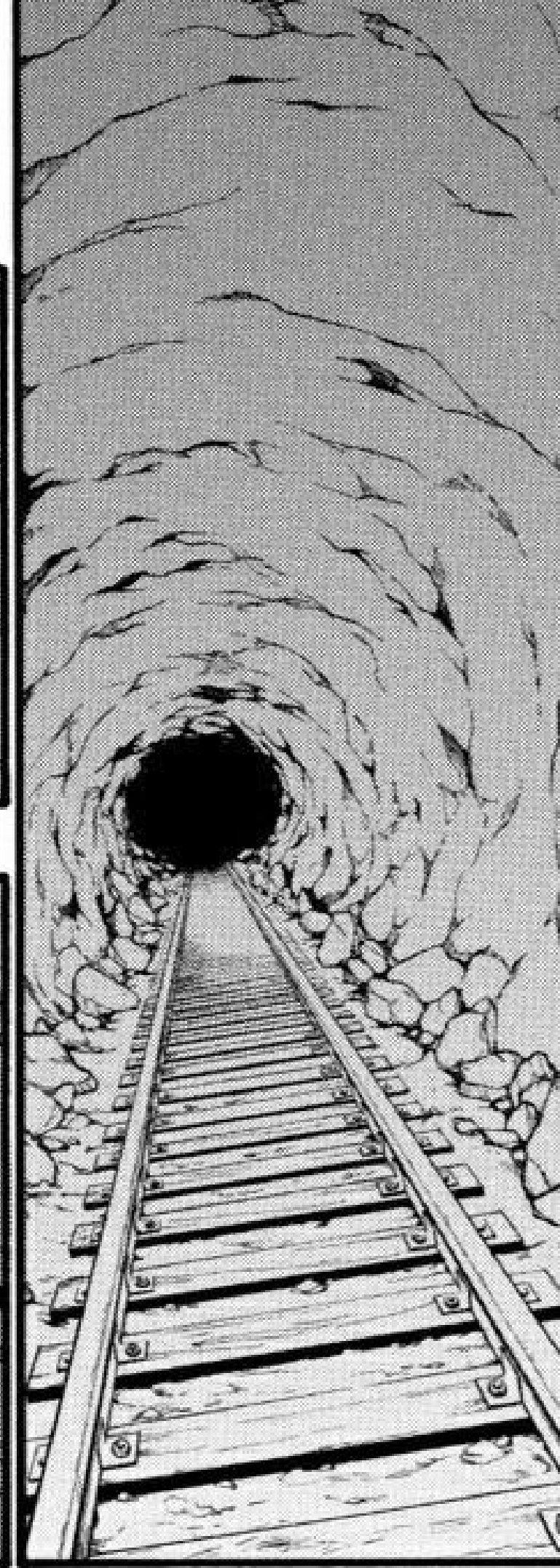
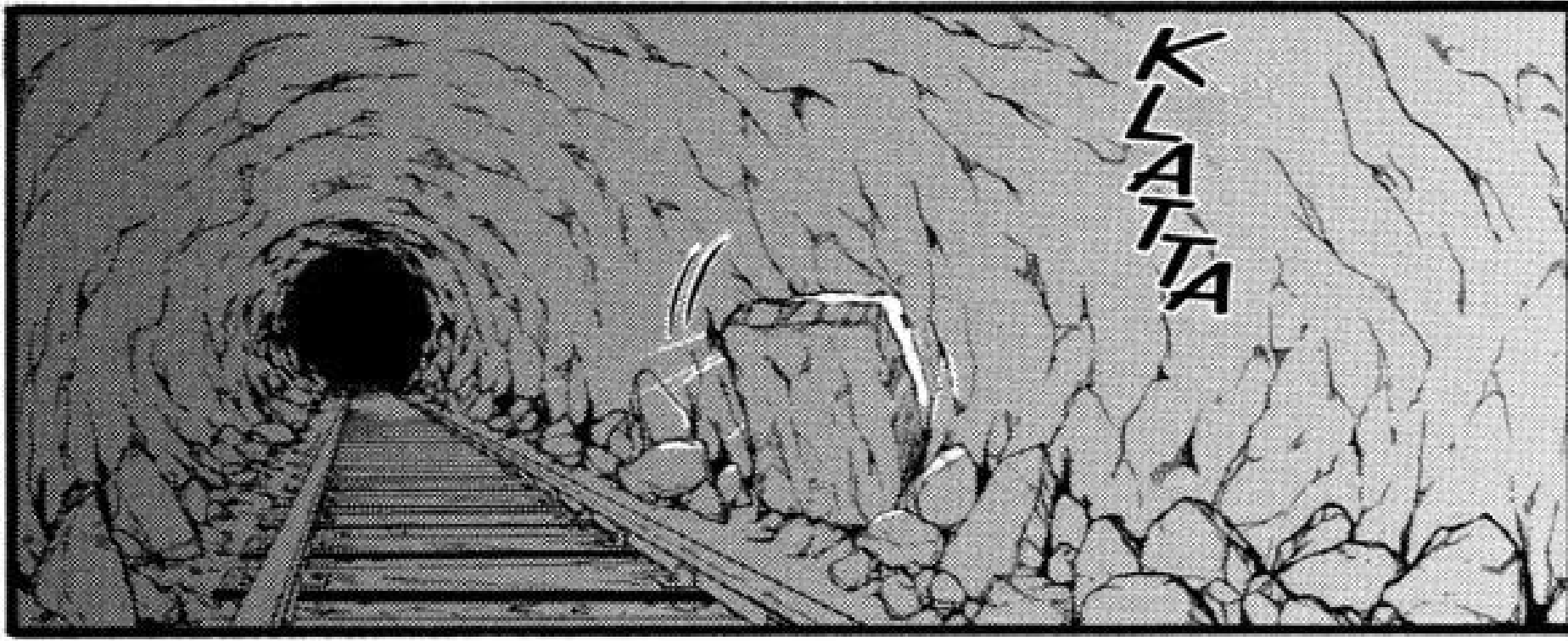
...ASSUME
WE
AREN'T
COMING
BACK.



VERY
WELL.

THAT'S
WHAT
I'LL
DO.







THAT'S WHY
WE WERE
IN SUCH A
RUSH TO
CONTACT
YOU.

FROM
NOW ON,
WE NEED
TO THINK
MORE
OFFEN-
SIVELY.

YUP.



I
SEE...
SO THE
NORTH
HAS
BECOME
MORE
DANGEROUS
THAN
EVER.



IT'S
NOT
SO
EASY.

BUT THE
TROOPS THAT
FORTIFY BRIGGS
ARE TOUGH.
AREN'T THEY
MORE THAN
READY FOR
COMBAT WITHOUT
THE AID OF
THE EAST
AREA ARMY?



AT
LEAST...
THAT'S
LADY
OLIVIER'S
REA-
SONING.



THAT'S
WHY WE
NEED
TO ALLY
OURSELVES
WITH THE
EAST AREA
ARMY. IT
EXCELS AT
OFFENSE.

THEY SAY THAT
THE SUREST PATH
TO VICTORY IS TO
STRIKE FIRST—
BUT THAT ONLY
WORKS IF
YOU'VE GOT
THE MUSCLE
TO MAKE IT
COUNT.



THE
BRIGGS
GARRISON
HAS ALWAYS
FOCUSED
PRIMARILY
ON
DEFENSE.



THE NORTH WALL OF BRIGGS HAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIMITS OF HER STRENGTH.

I SEE...



IT'S TRUE.

WE OFTEN CONDUCTED JOINT COMBAT TRAINING WITH THE NORTH AREA ARMY. THEIR DEFENSIVE STRENGTH WAS ALWAYS TOUGH TO BEAT.



"MUSTANG'S NOT THAT KIND OF MAN." "IMPOSSIBLE." LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE LADY SAID.

OKAY, YOU OWE ME 35,200 CENZ FOR THE FLOWERS.



IN FACT, SHE SAID, "MUSTANG CAN GET LOST FOR ALL I CARE."

NO. MS. OLIVIER DESIRES ONLY THE STRENGTH OF THE EAST AREA ARMY.

ZING

HA HA HA!

I'M HONORED THAT THE MAJOR GENERAL HAS CHOSEN ME OUT OF SO MANY OTHERS TO BE HER PARTNER!



I WRAPPED UP THE FLOWERS FOR YOU.

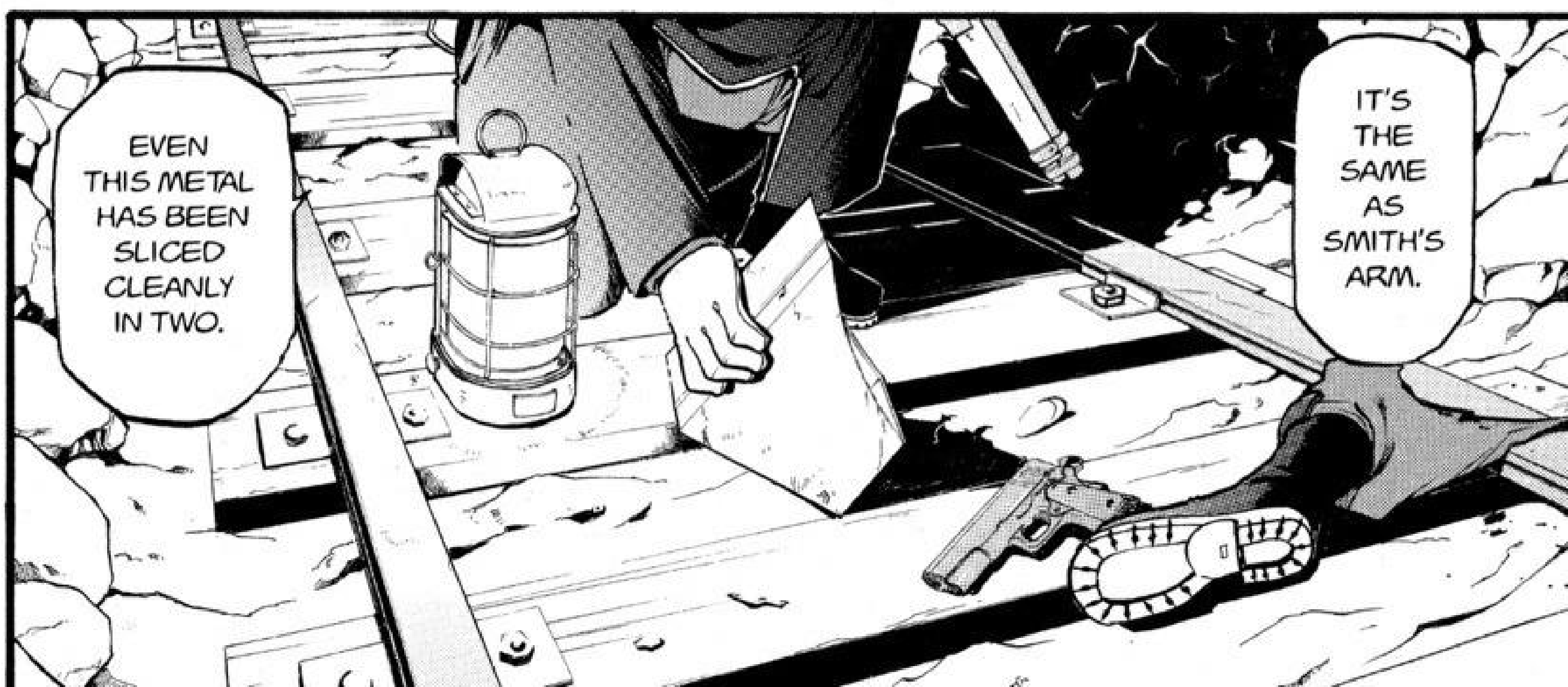
HERE YOU GO.

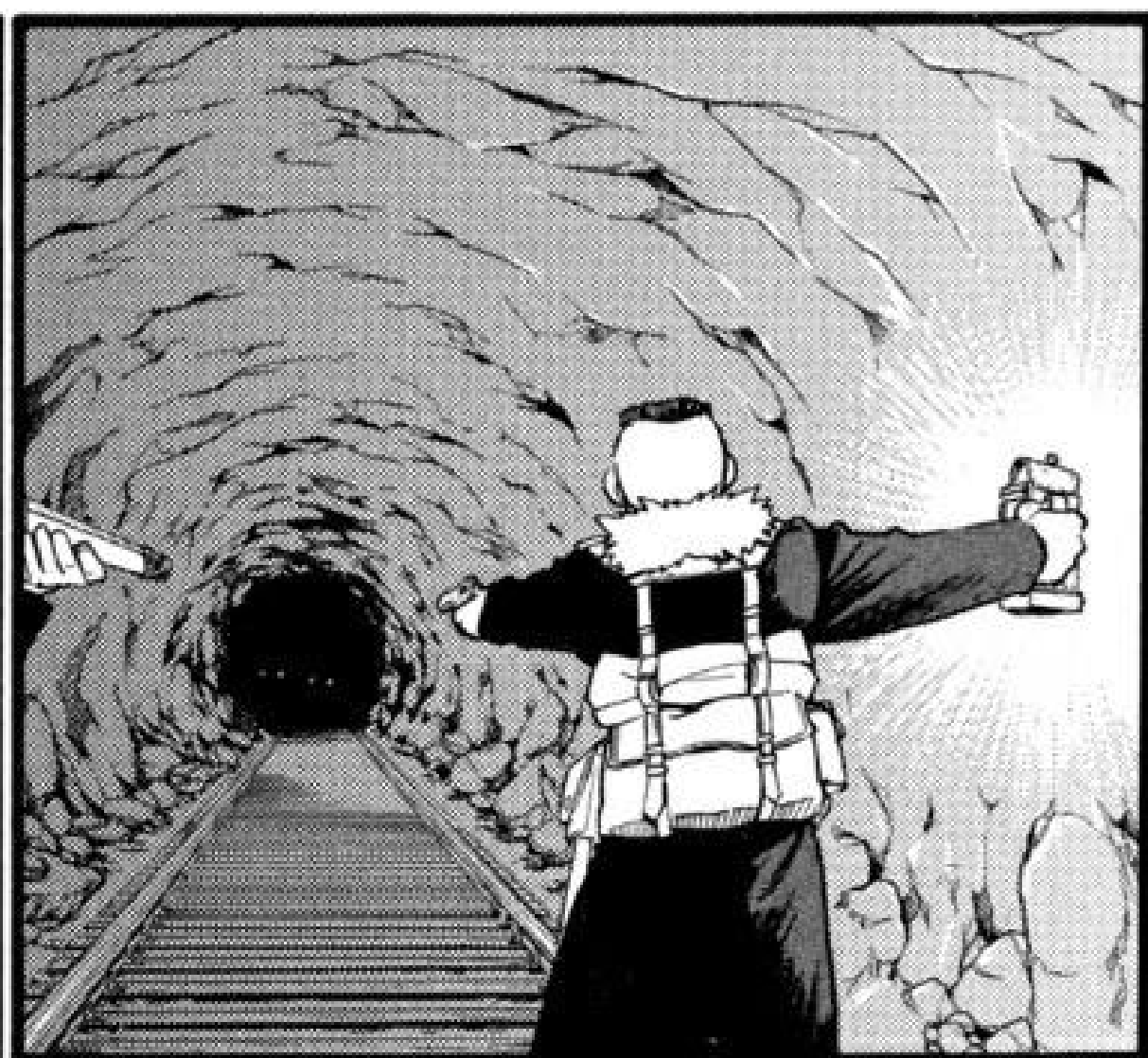
IS THAT SO...?

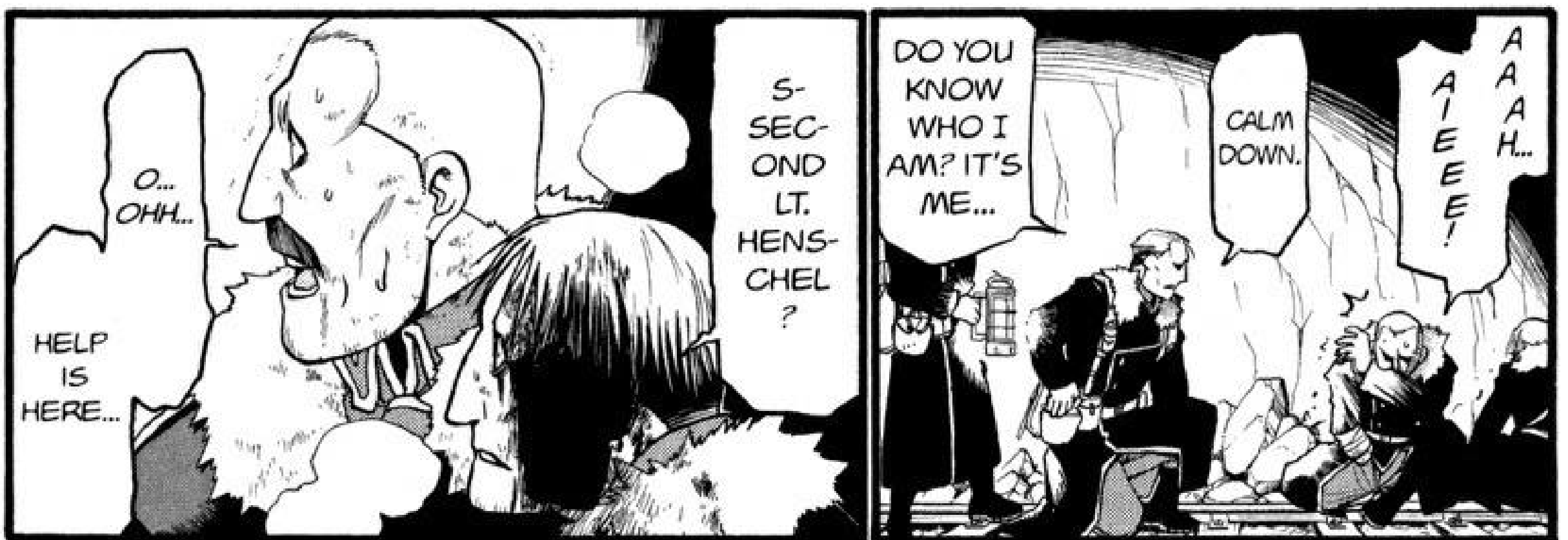


LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING... WHAT WOULD SHE DO IF I SOLD THIS INFORMATION TO THE PRESIDENT TO SAVE MY OWN SKIN?









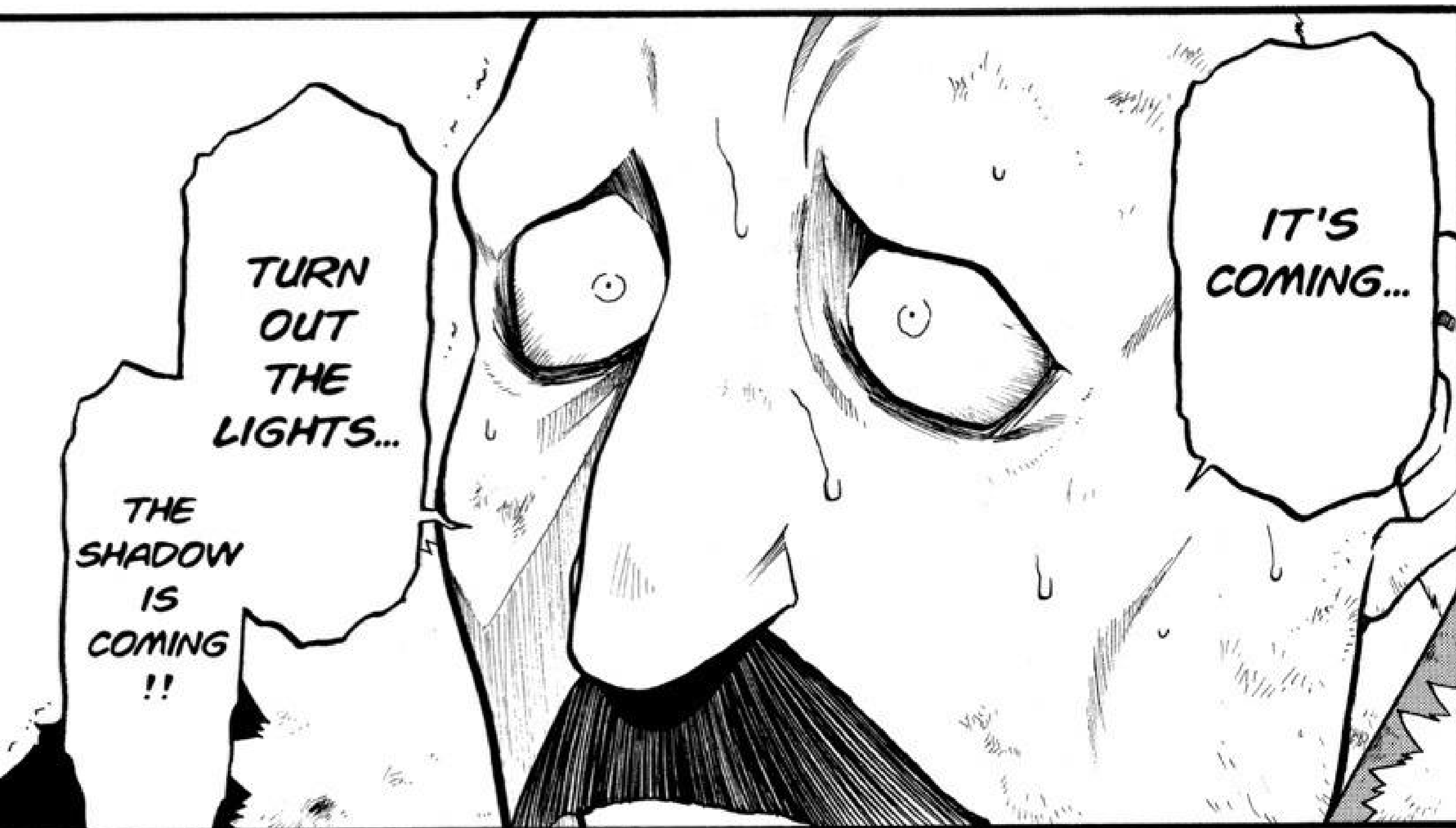


WE...
WE...
WE NEED
TO GET
OUT OF
HERE
RIGHT
AWAY!!



YES,
SIR.

TAKE
THEM
BACK
TO THE
BASE.



TURN
OUT
THE
LIGHTS...

THE
SHADOW
IS
COMING
!!

IT'S
COMING...



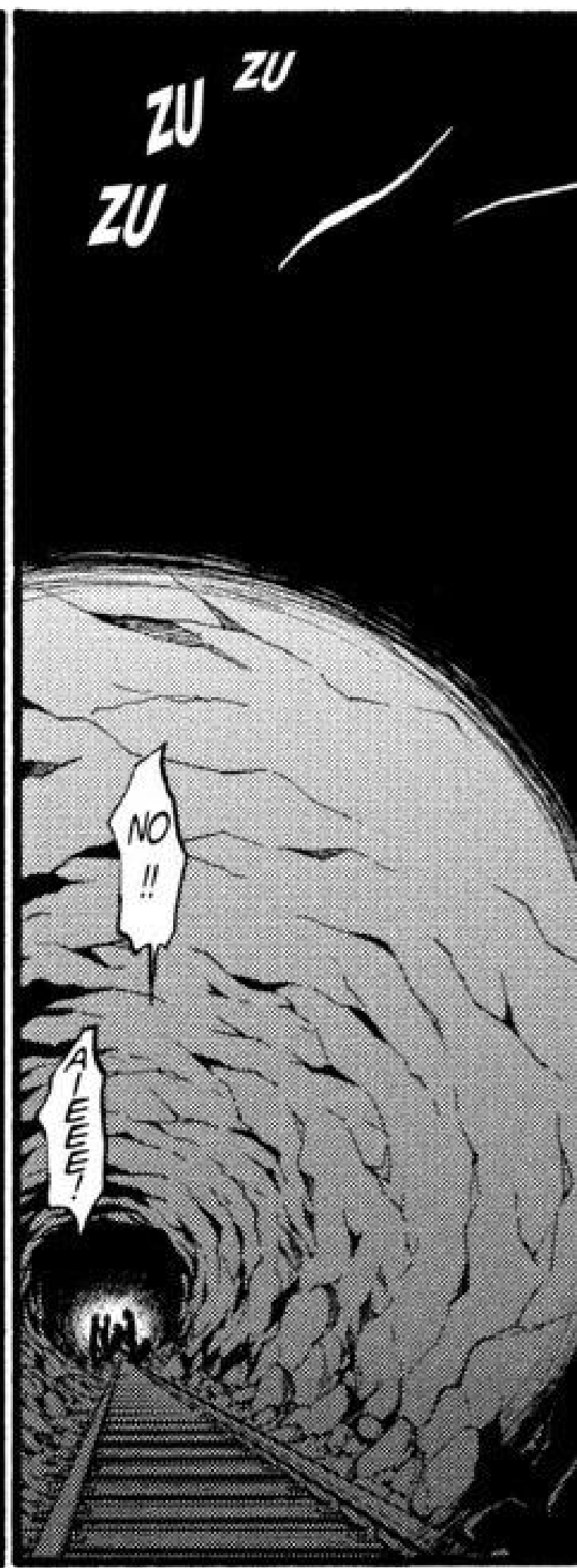
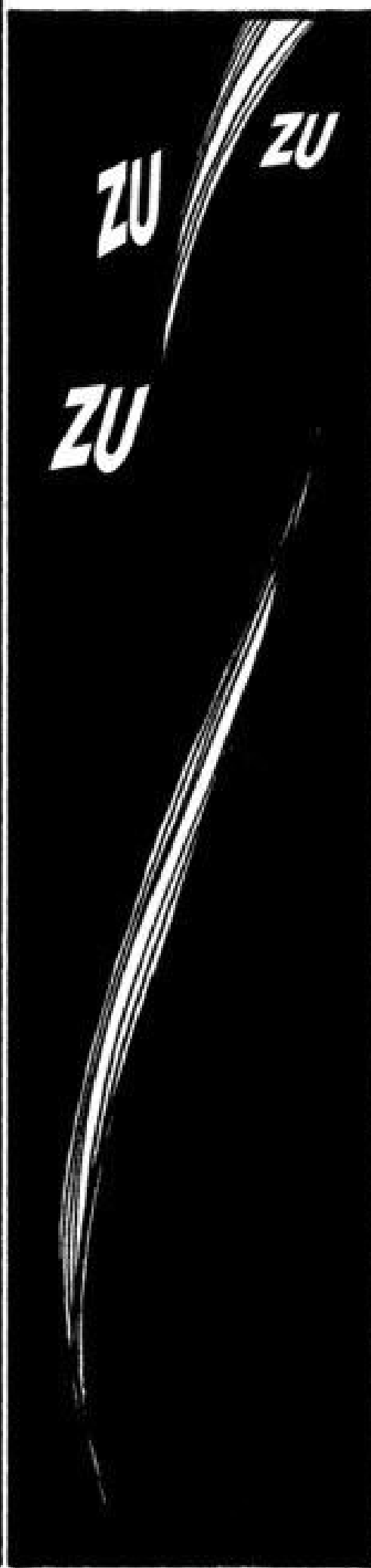
HEY
!!

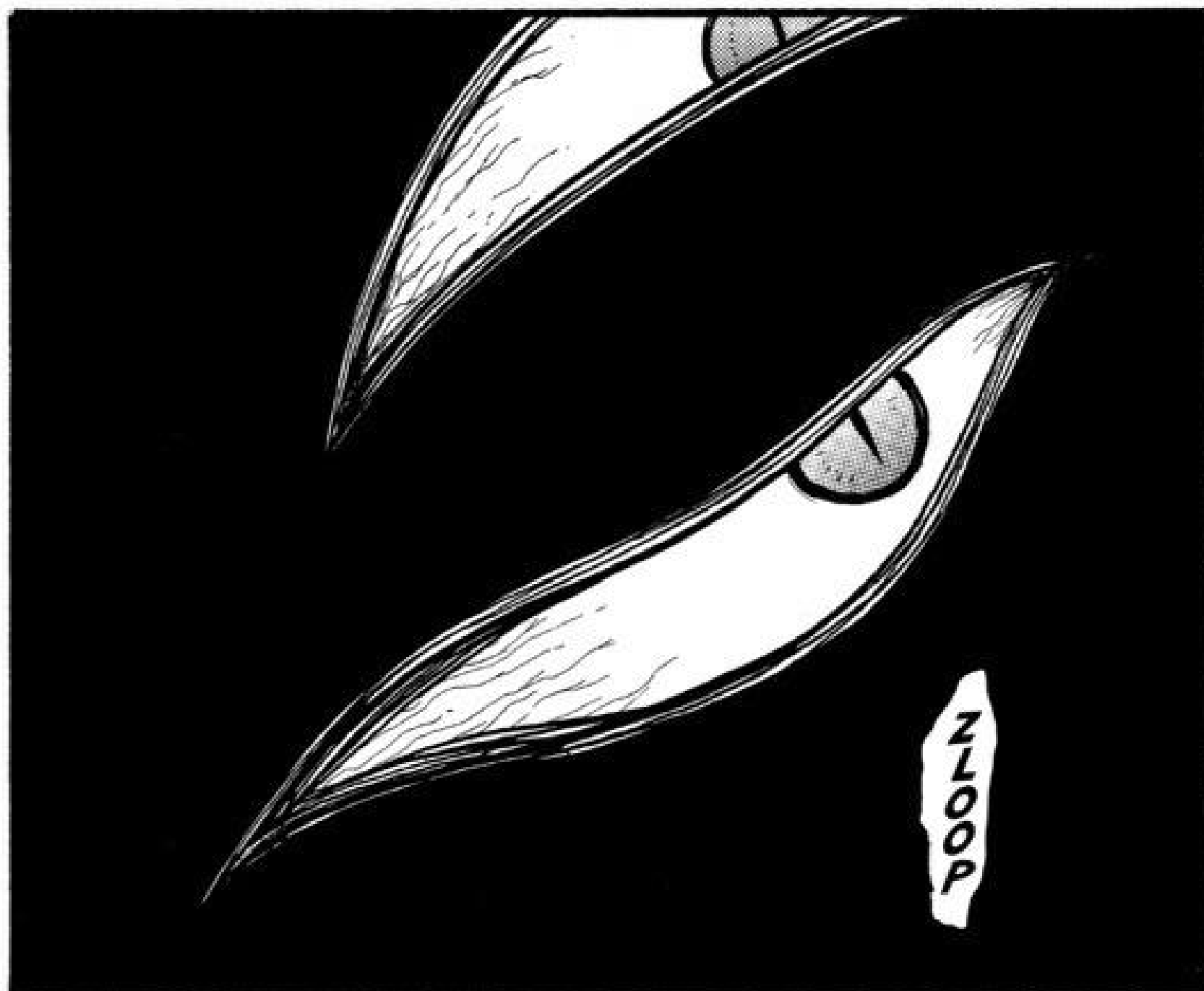
WHO'S
COMING
?
THE
ENEMY
?

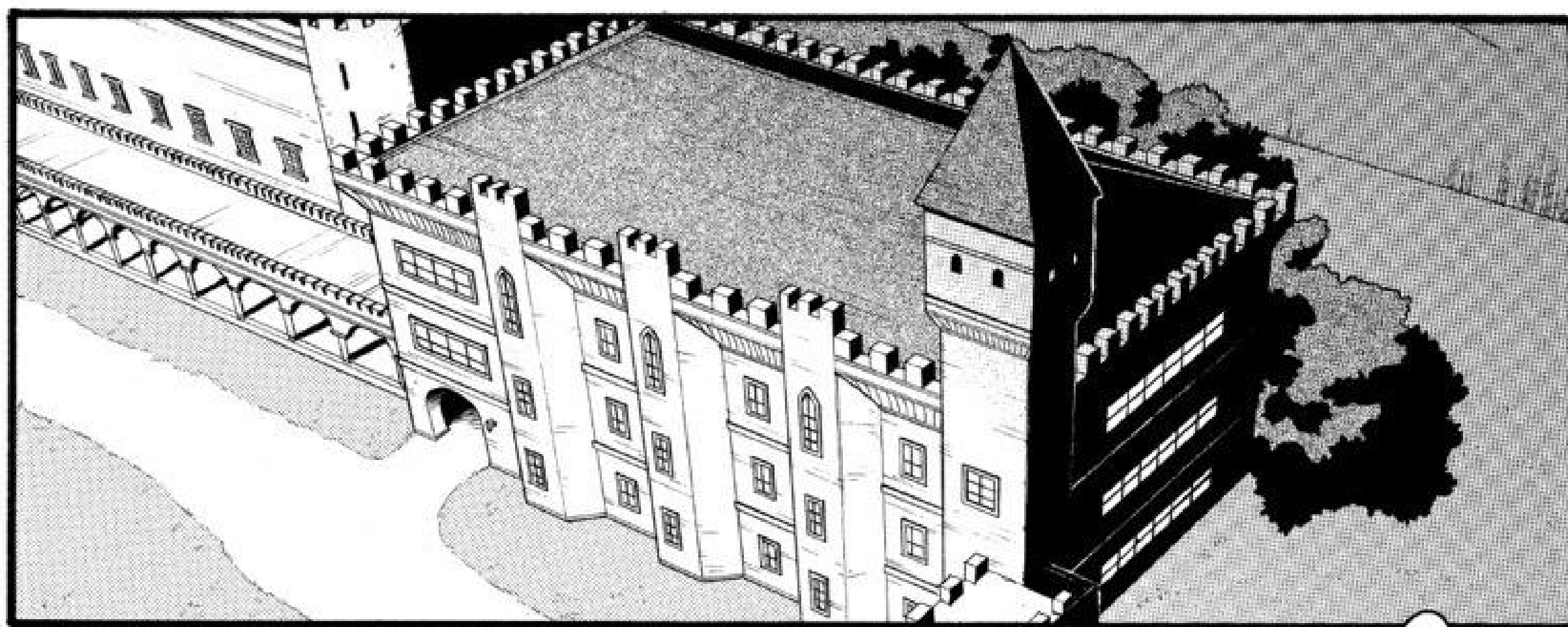


THE
SHADOW
IS
COMING
!!

RUN...









TEN- HUT!

MY NAME IS LT. HAWK-EYE. I'M THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AIDE.

I'M SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU SO LATE AT NIGHT.



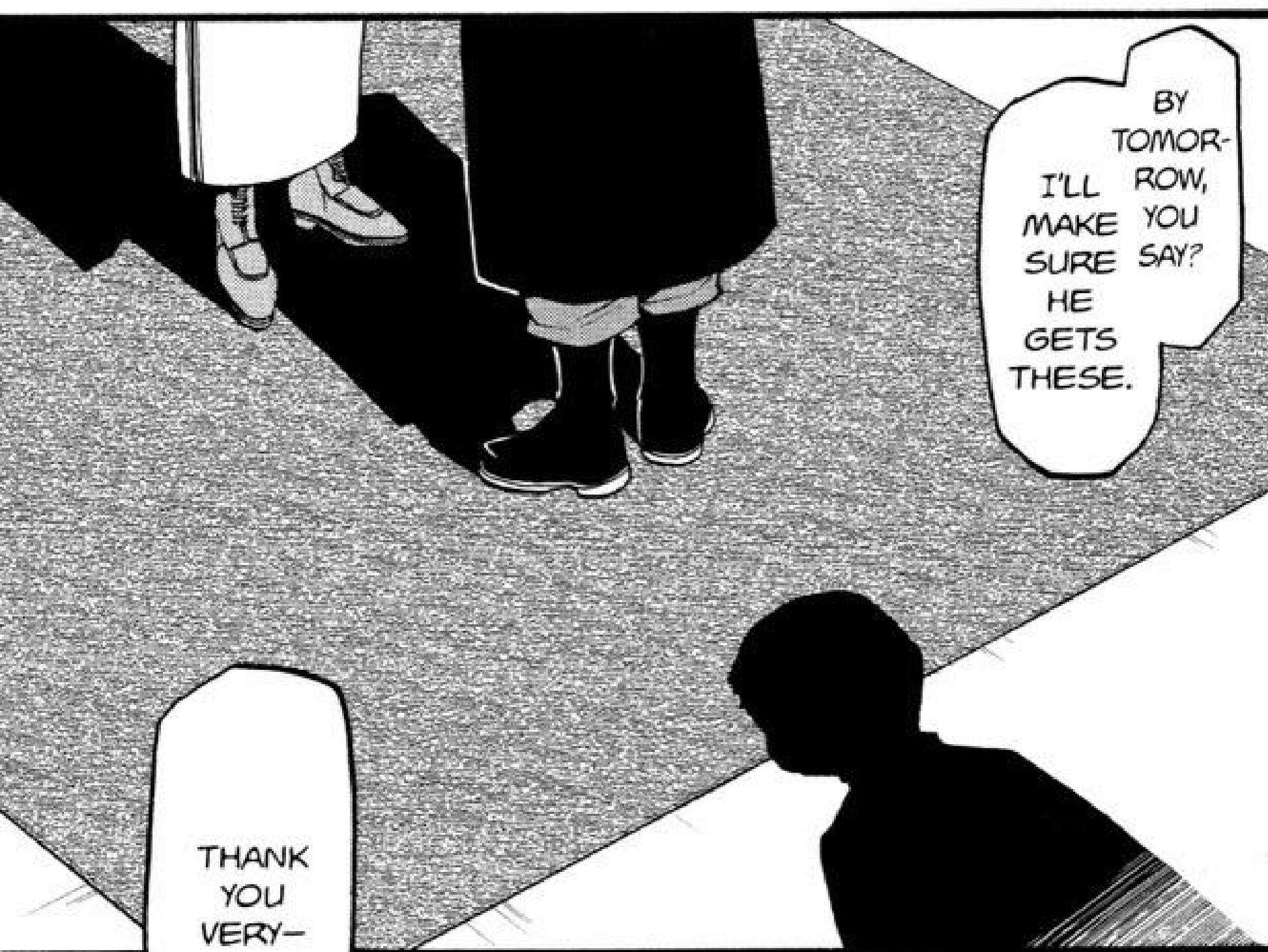
MAD-AM...

AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE...?



OH MY! THEY CERTAINLY HAVE YOU WORKING LATE, DON'T THEY, DEAR?

I HAVE URGENT DOCUMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT.



BY TOMORROW, I'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS THESE.

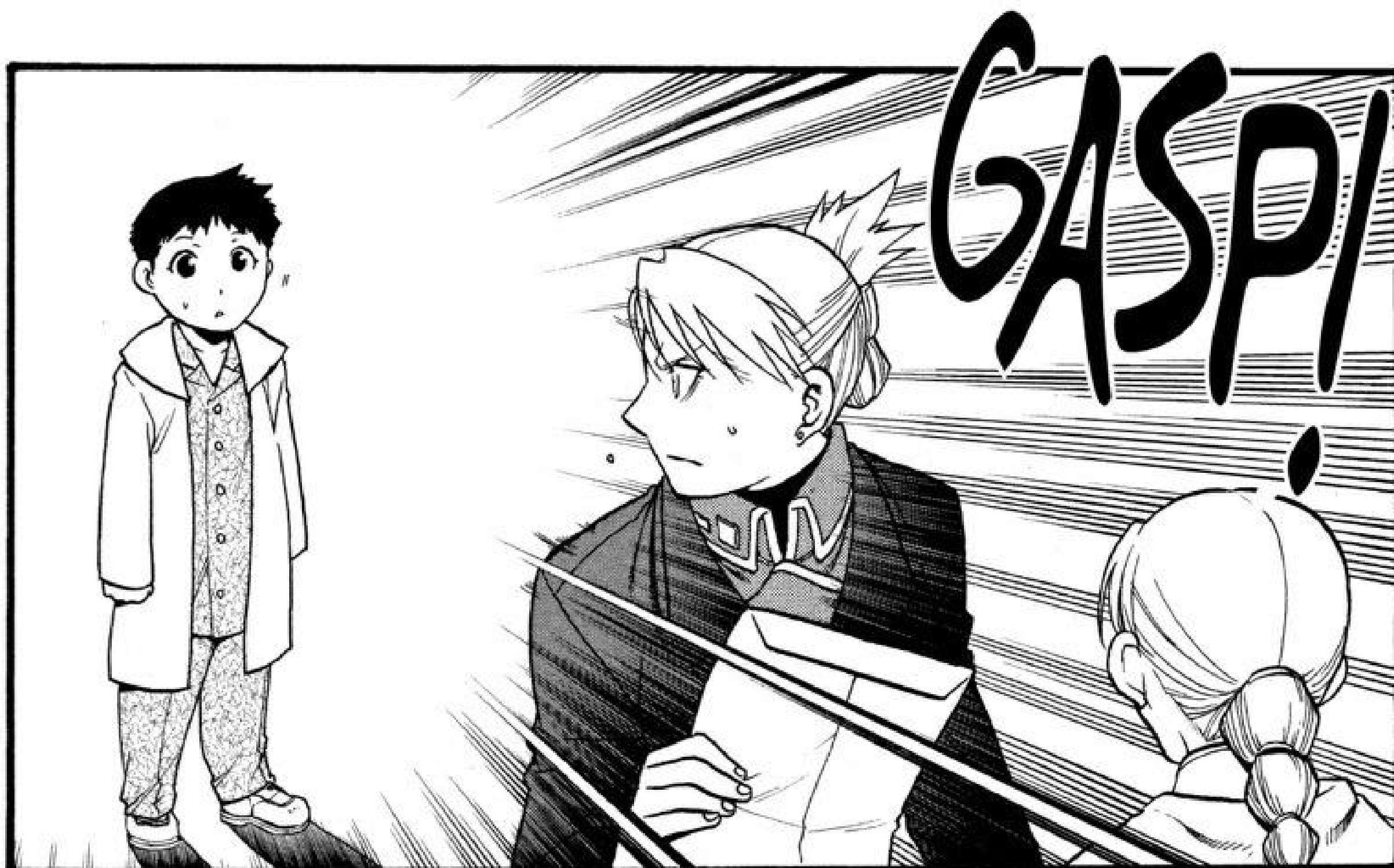
THANK YOU VERY—



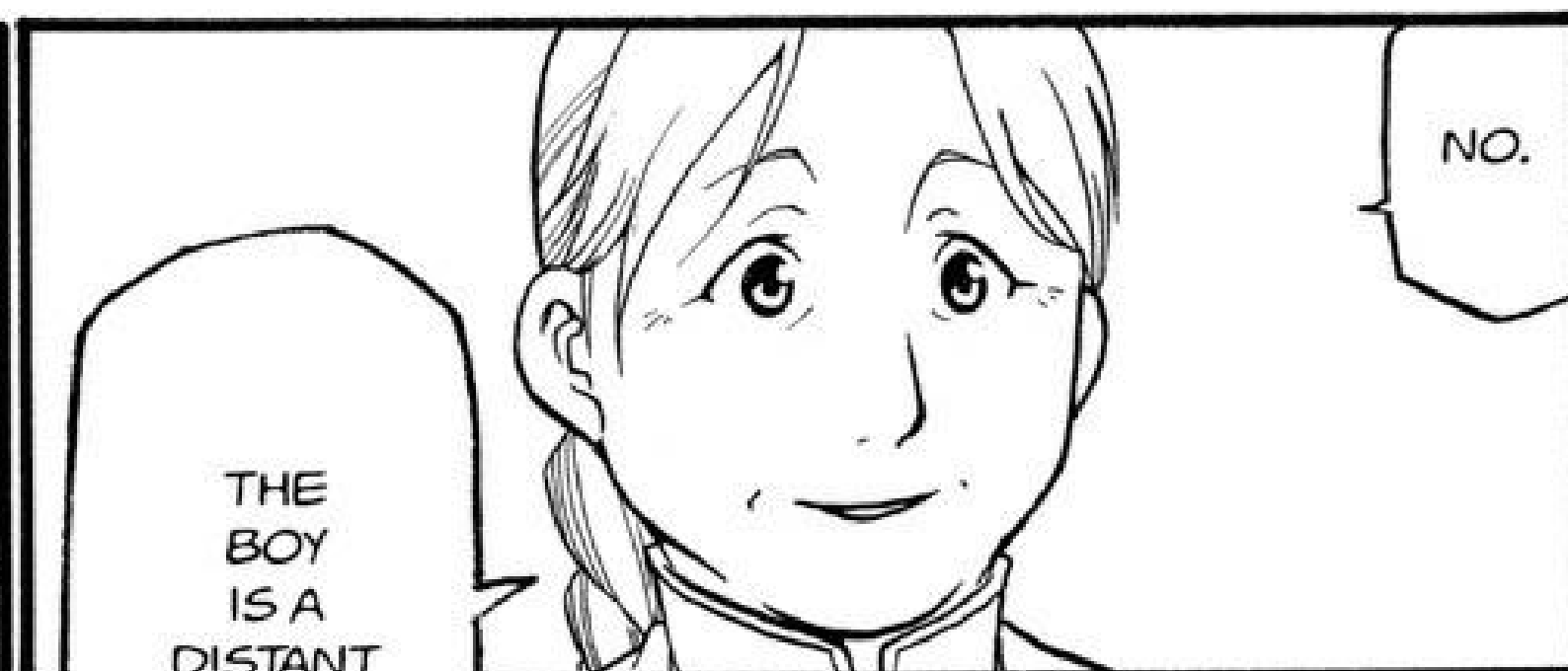
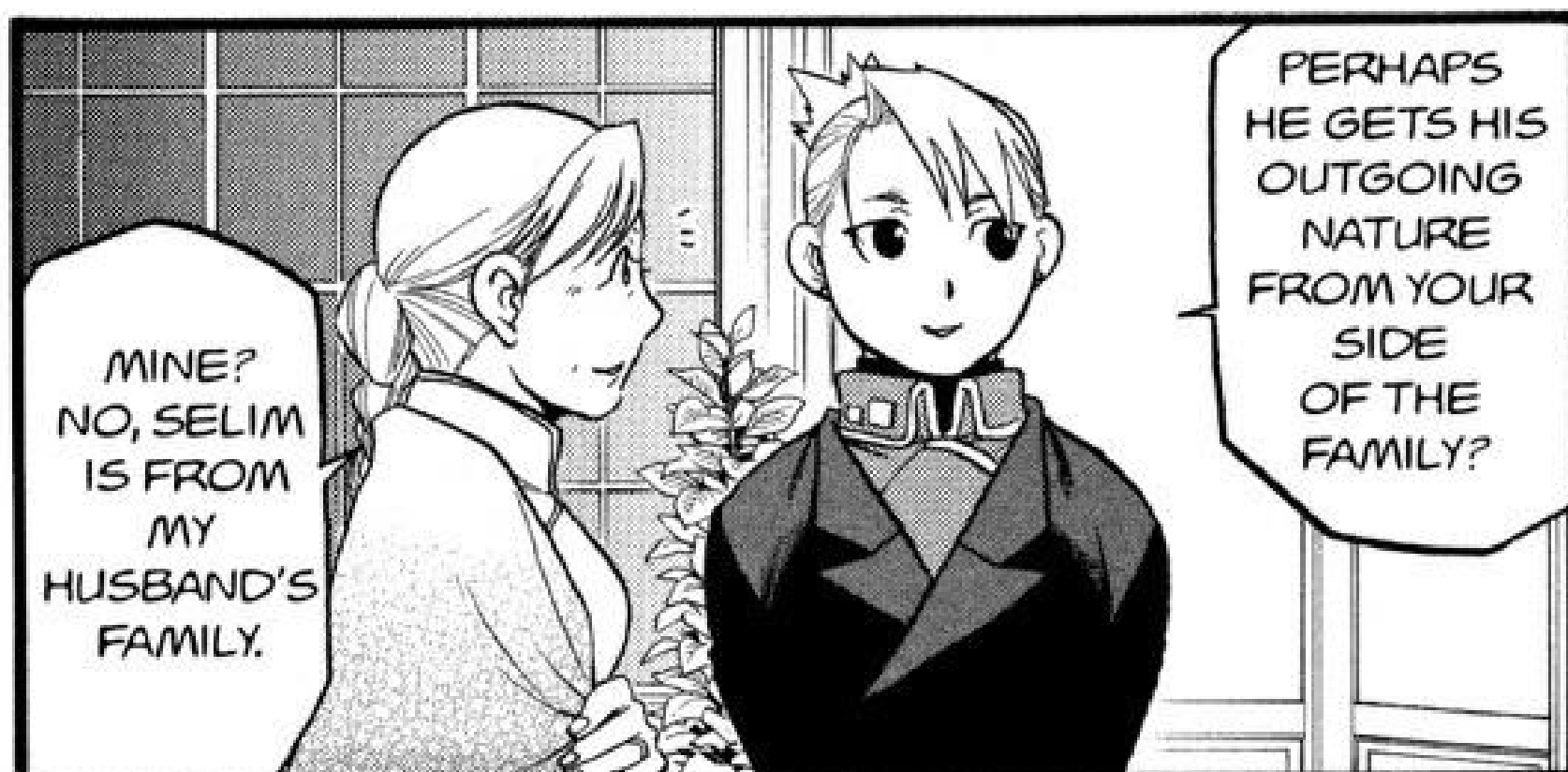
I'M SO SORRY, BUT MY HUSBAND ISN'T HERE AT THE MOMENT.

I WOULD BE VERY MUCH OBLIGED IF HE COULD LOOK THESE OVER BY TOMORROW.







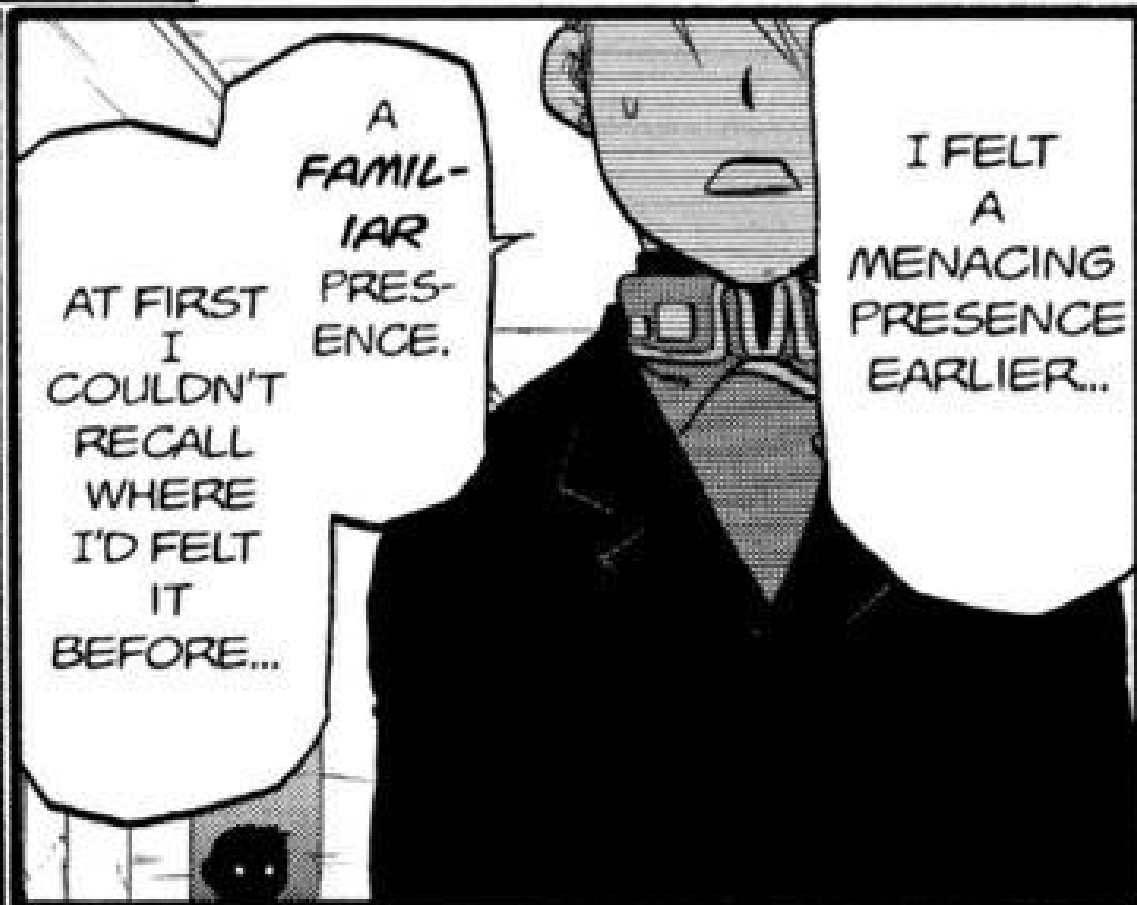








BUT NOW
THAT YOU'RE
STANDING
BEHIND
ME I
REMEMBER
IT
CLEARLY.



A
FAMIL-
IAR
PRES-
ENCE.
AT FIRST
I
COULDN'T
RECALL
WHERE
I'D FELT
IT
BEFORE...

I FELT
A
MENACING
PRESENCE
EARLIER...



I HAD THE
SAME FEELING
WHEN THE
HOMUNCULUS
GLUTTONY
WAS STANDING
BEHIND ME.



WHO
ARE
YOU?

SELIM
BRADLEY...

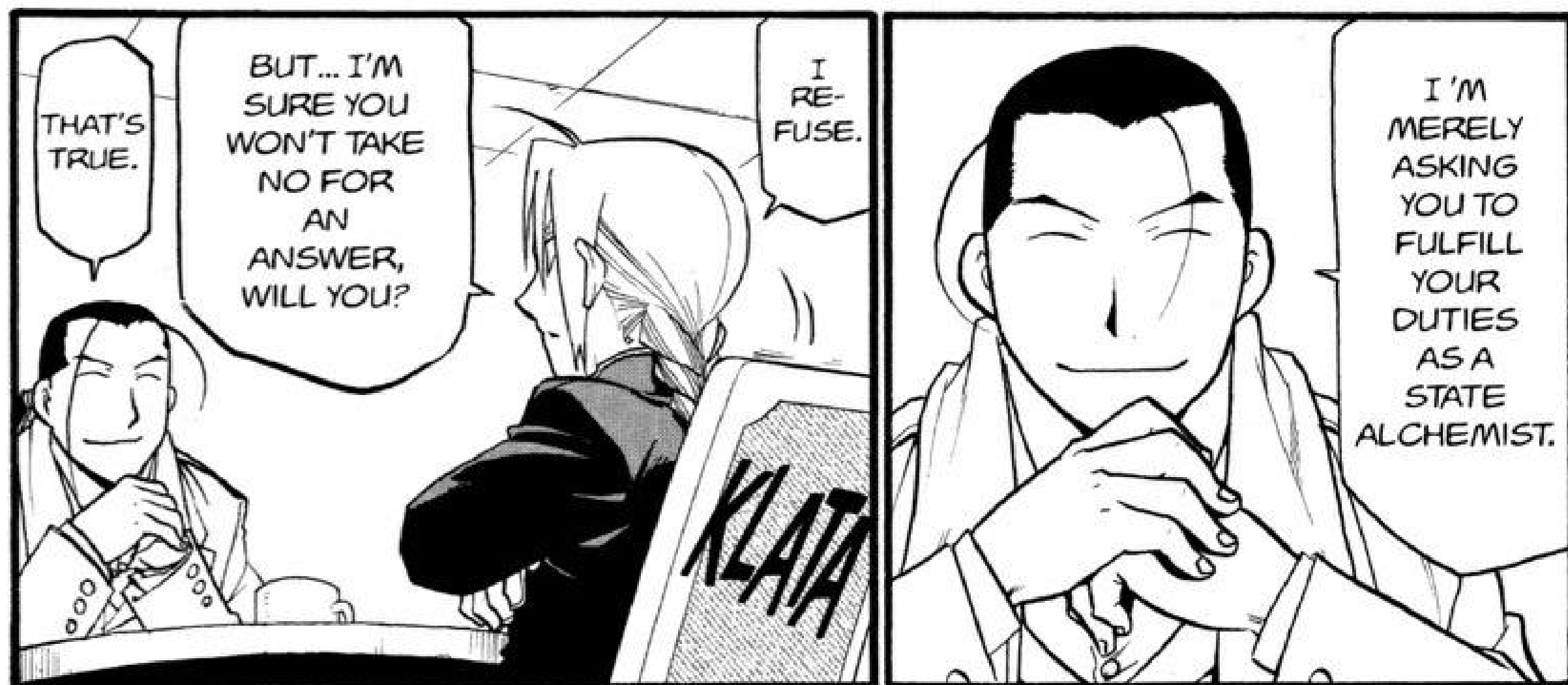
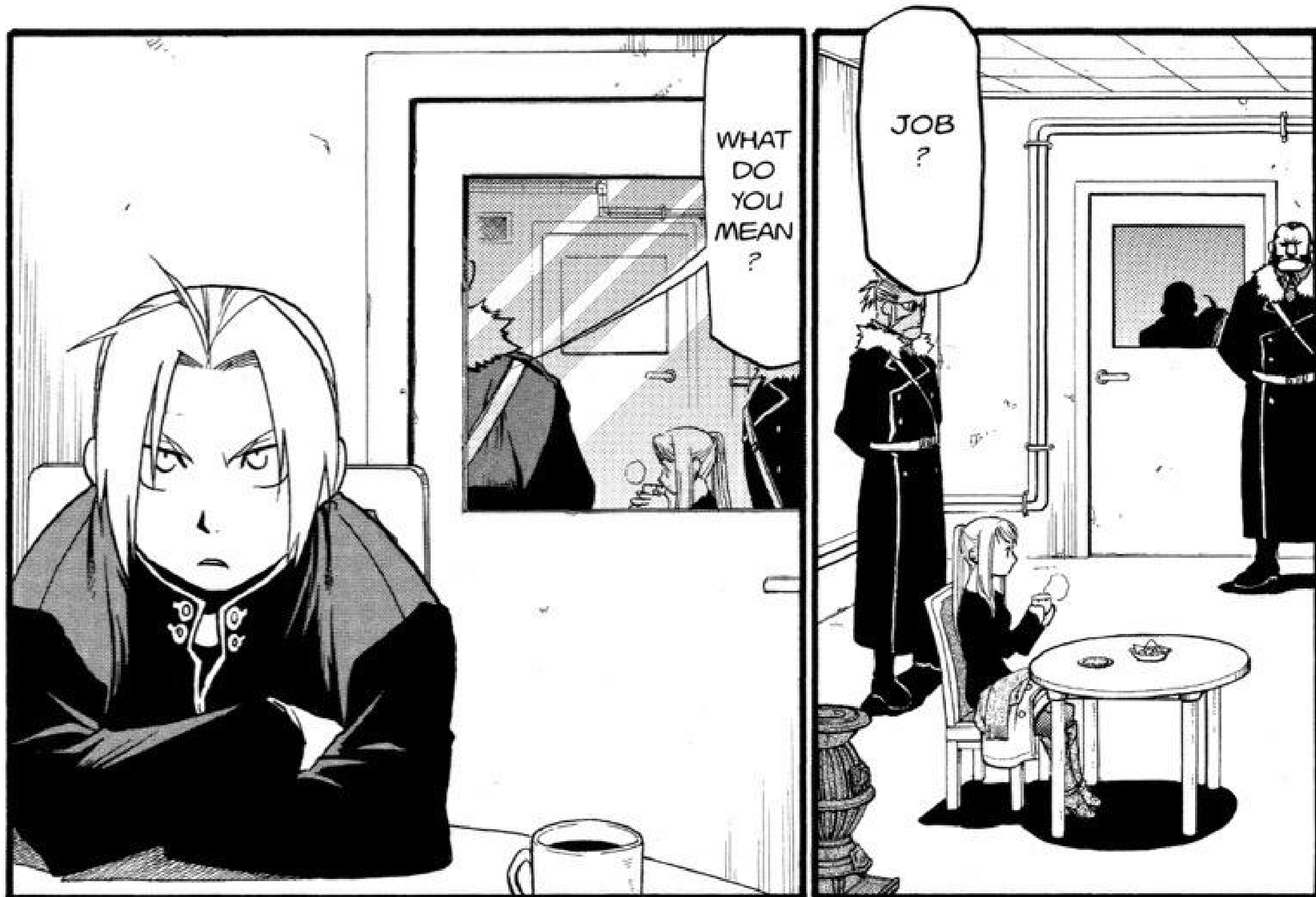




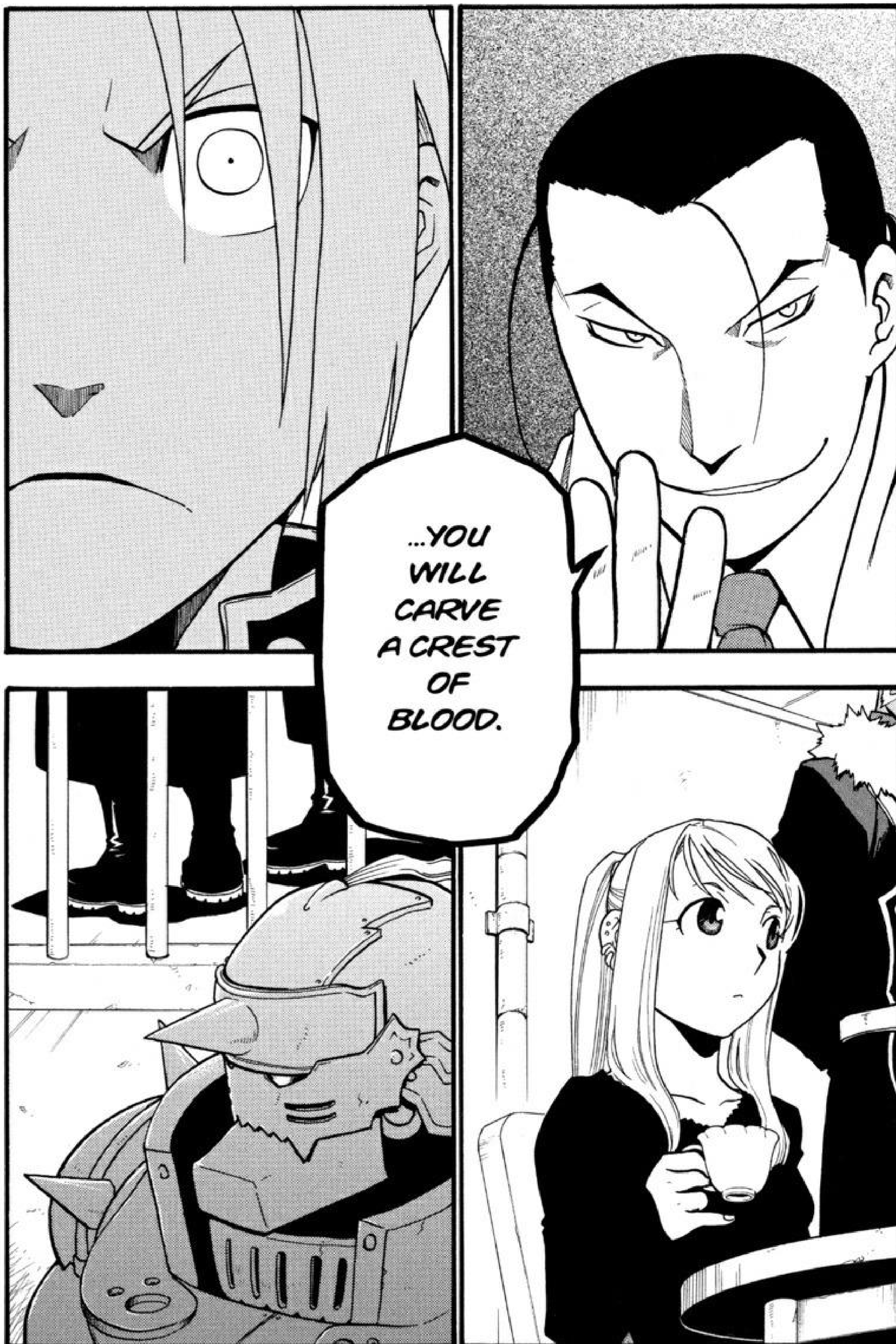
I AM
THE
FIRST
HOMUNCULUS.

MY
NAME
IS
PRIDE.

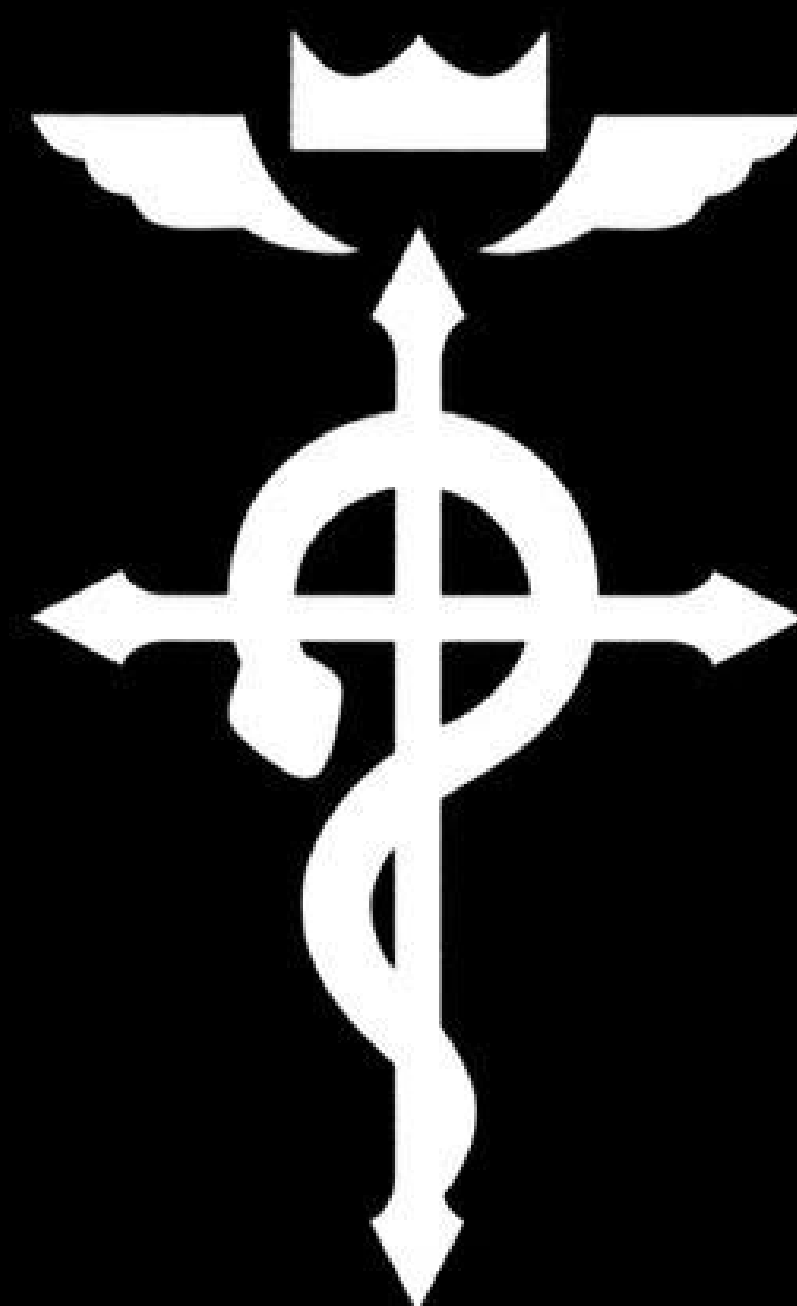
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